

A Personal Message to Each Reader

From Al Richmond
Editor, Western Worker

I WISH first to thank each of you for the generous and warm support given the Western Worker.

If there had been any doubt whether the progressive-minded people of the West wanted a daily paper of their own to the point of helping its publication materially, that doubt has been dispelled by the unprecedented response to our drive for a daily paper.

That response is a victory for all of us. And it is with deep feeling that we can connect our victory with the greatest victory of mankind in all of its long history—the victory of Socialism over one-sixth of the earth's surface in the Soviet Union.

November 7th is a red letter day in humanity's calendar. On that day, in 1917, the toiling section of humanity claimed the largest single country in the world as its own. Let us make November 7 a red letter day in our present effort to advance the interests of the working people by giving those interests an articulate voice—a daily paper.

Soggy writers and foggy observers cannot understand the temper of the Soviet people because they cannot understand the great sacrifices they made to attain their goal. After the Civil War, when Soviet industry was in a seemingly hopeless chaos, the people threw their full energy into the job of reconstruction. They organized Krasny Subotniks (Red Sundays) where each worker donated a free day's work to industry.

Perhaps you have seen the famous picture of Lenin, leader of the Soviet people, carrying a log on his shoulders, joining with the workers of the land in one of these Red Sundays.

Lenin, one of the greatest minds mankind produced, pitched in. We are asking you to pitch in on a Red Sunday.

On Oct. 30-31, we wish to distribute throughout the West a special edition of the Western Worker, containing rich, informative and interesting material on the Soviet Union. Won't you join this Red Sunday in your city and help spread the message of Socialism and help build a daily voice for Socialism?

In addition, as the Soviet workers donated a day's labor for their industry, we ask you to make a similar contribution for YOUR paper. We ask you to give it in the form of a day's wages.

These are the propositions I have to make:

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2. That you join the thousands of readers who have already given their day's pay.

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Daily Drive
32 Per Cent
Completed

The Pacific Coast's drive for funds to start a daily Western Worker crossed the third-way mark this week with progressives and Communist Party members having turned in a total of \$11,189.86, according to announcement made on Monday by the State Drive Committee.

With seven weeks, or 41 per cent of the allotted time already gone, the drive now stands 32 per cent complete.

San Mateo County finished in first place with quota fulfilled 100 per cent.

For other drive details, see Page 6.

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FRENCH FLEET CIRCLES SPAIN COAST
AS BRITISH GIVE WAY TO MUSSOLINI

LABOR UNITY
TALKS OPEN;
AFL HEAD SUES

Move Made to Smash CIO Longshoremen in Suit Filed by Sapiro

SAN FRANCISCO—As AFL-CIO peace negotiations opened in Washington on Monday, Pacific AFL officials took another step in their avowed war against the CIO and its strongest affiliate on the Coast, the International Longshoremen's Association. Aaron Sapiro, attorney, filed suit on behalf of M. Fredericksen as "an individual and as president of the International Longshoremen's Association," Tacoma local, to enjoin the ILWU from exercising any rights under existing contracts with the shipowners.

Reports from Seattle indicate that the suit was filed with the sanction of William Green, AFL president who has mouthed pious phrases on peace. Also interesting to observers was the fact that Sapiro has been seen at the recent Denver AFL convention in company with Teamster Union officials who are the spearhead of the attack on the CIO and had been heard to ask for Joseph P. Ryan, Green-appointed czar for the shipping industry.

Still another factor, indicating that the suit had been premeditated and widely discussed, was a letter from the National Employers to the San Francisco local of the ILWU, complaining about the hiring hal system, and arriving on the same day that the suit was filed.

Unity Issues Are Discussed
WASHINGTON—Basic issues upon which a united labor movement must rest, were being brought up for discussion here last Tuesday at the conference of delegations from the American Federation of Labor and from the Committee for Industrial Organization, following preliminary meetings Monday which I have to make:

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BALTIMORE, Md.—Removal of Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy and Daniel S. Ring, member from the U. S. Maritime Commission because of "their bias and prejudice against organized labor," particularly the CIO, is asked by the National Maritime Union in a petition to President Roosevelt last Sunday.

The NMU took action after 14 members of the S. S. Algic crew were arrested last Saturday on trumped-up charges of "conspiracy to deprive the captain of command of his ship in a foreign port."

Shipowners' Agent
Patric Whalen, local NMU chairman, said the charges demonstrated that Kennedy and the commission were acting as "the agent of the shipowners in depriving seamen of their rights for collective bargaining."

"The stories regarding the Algic were 'such compounds of falsehoods as to expose the complete character of the commission and its chairman as unfit for its present role as a judicial body,'" declared Whalen.

When the Algic docked at Montevideo, Uruguay, the crew refused to work with scab stevedores, reporting that so incompetent that "between 7 and 8:30 o'clock on the morning of September 10, a number of accidents both to crew members of the Algic and to the inexperienced stevedores took place in the handling of the cargo."

Cops Crush Skull
Of Helpless Youth
In L. A. Outrages

Citizens Plan Drastic Action As Officials Begin Whitewash of Sadists On Police Force

LOS ANGELES—Indignant citizens prepared action against police brutality here this week following an attempt by the police commission to whitewash the merciless slugging of a helpless worker by policemen at the Lincoln Heights Jail. Victim of the outrage was Harry Mahoney, 29, of 1524 S. Rexford Drive, Beverly Hills.

Arrested last week on a drunk charge, young Mahoney is now critically ill in the Queen of the Angels Hospital, suffering from internal injuries and a fractured skull.

Account of Beating
A vivid account of the treatment given young Mahoney by the police was made public last week in a letter of Arthur H. Sweetman Jr., who was arrested at the same time as Mahoney.

According to Sweetman, "Mahoney could not stand. He was dragged from the wagon and allowed to fall to the pavement. As he lay there helpless, a police officer kicked him in the side twice. They were hard kicks."

"I stepped to the officer and said: 'That boy is hurt pretty bad. Let me give you a lift with him.'"

Cops Slug Bystander
"The officer let Mahoney drop again to the pavement, turned toward me and struck me on the jaw with his fist. As I threw my arms up to protect my face, another policeman, who stood behind me, kicked me. I dropped my arms and half turned. A third policeman slapped me a stinging blow across the eyes with an object which appeared to be a canvas bag."

"This was about 3 or 3:30 a. m. Mahoney lay on the floor of the tank until about 5 a. m., when the same jailer entered and attempted to rouse him. Failing, the jailer kicked Mahoney in the small of the back and ribs three or four times."

More Involved
A. L. Wirin, Civil Liberties Union attorney, acted as counsel for Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney at the Police Commission hearing Friday morning.

"There is more involved here than the beating of Harry Mahoney," declared Wirin.

Along with Wirin and the Mahoneys, were Doctor Clinton J. Taft, director of the ACLU, here; Doctor E. P. Ryland, chairman of the Inter-Religious Committee of Southern California; Rube Borough, of the Municipal League; and Anthony Pratt, also of the Municipal League.

Investigation Denied
Wirin requested a committee to consist of an equal number of private citizens and members of the police department headed by a man chosen by the Commission to investigate the beating of Mahoney and other similar

beatings. Such a committee had been appointed by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York, Wirin pointed out.

Denying the request, Harry Seagar, speaking for the Commission declared: "We don't do things like that out here."

Wirin, members of his committee and the press were then excluded from the Commission's chambers. Although Mr. and Mrs. Mahoney were invited to remain, they left with their counsel.

Want Brutality Ended
Appearing before Mayor Shaw, the Mahoneys again declared that their main interest in their son's beating was to see that such a thing did not again occur in Los Angeles.

A carefully worded laurel was handed to the Police Department by Shaw: "Out of the 50,000 'drunks' handled by the police department in the past year," he declared, "this is the first complaint that has ever been made."

In answer to this statement, Borough said he had a folder with several affidavits testifying to brutal treatment at the hands of the police at Lincoln Heights Jail.

Protests Daily
"Every day," Mr. Mahoney declared, "Mrs. Mahoney and I are receiving letters, some of them anonymous and some signed, declaring that they, too, have

PG&E Labor Poll Begins
As AFL Union Withdraws
SAN FRANCISCO—Meetings early this week will settle details for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company labor elections, ordered a week ago by the National Labor Relations Board in Washington.

Conferring with Mrs. Alice M. Rosseter, regional board director, will be company officials; officials of the California Gas and Electric Employees, a company union; and officials of the United Radio and Electrical Workers Union, CIO affiliate.

INCUMBENTS
EVADE ISSUES
OF S. F. VOTE

C.P. Endorses 4 for Stand Against Picketing Law and Subway Bonds

San Francisco voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 2, to ballot on propositions and candidates, among which four major issues stand out: graft, high living costs, civil liberty and bonded indebtedness.

Five supervisors will be elected from a field of twenty-two candidates. All five incumbents are candidates. Four municipal judgeships are being contested along with the positions of city attorney and city assessor. The voters will go through the rite of "approving" two nominees of Mayor Rossi for the school board, the city's charter denying them a direct vote for candidates of their own selection.

Subway Bonds
Among nine propositions on the ballot are four proposed bond issues totaling \$58,700,000 of which \$49,250,000 in one lump is the estimated cost of building the initial units of a subway rapid transit system.

While the issue of civil liberties in general and labor's rights in particular are directly involved in the candidates themselves, it appears as a direct issue in Proposition No. 8—an initiative measure calling for the complete prohibition of picketing in any form including even the sale of newspapers advertising a strike or boycott.

Another proposition, No. 5 on the ballot, gives the voters an opportunity to choose between making a public memorial park and playground out of old Laurel Hill Cemetery or voting for its subdivision by supporting the ordinance passed earlier by the board of supervisors.

C. P. Endorses Four
Judging the records and promises of the supervisory candidates themselves, the Communist Party found only four whom it could commend for election. They were Miss Anita Whitney, the Party's own candidate; George R. Andersen, labor attorney; Mrs. Marjorie January, leader of the League of Women Shoppers; and Herbert Nugent, Workers' Alliance leader and secretary of the California Conference for Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act.

Three of these candidates were endorsed also by the Honest Government Committee, a united front body initiated and supported by what is now Labor's Non-Partisan League, and comprising a wide representation of CIO and AFL unions and non-labor progressive organizations.

Incumbents Evade Issue
Incumbents and all other supervisory candidates, apart from the four whom the C. P. endorsed, were silent on the question of police graft and the disclosures of the Atherton report which had resulted in the resignation of four high officials in the Rossi administration.

The latter silence marked the campaigning of the "Union Labor Party" ticket, for which the official endorsement of the affiliated AFL unions was driven through without discussion and in disregard of the CIO Industrial Council's urgent plea for a joint consideration of candidates.

Without even so much as extracting a public promise of opposition to the anti-picketing ordinance, the leaders of the AFL endorsed Incumbent Supervisors Reilly and Roncovi, together with the Cincinnati candidate Joseph Sharp and former Supervisor Andrew Galligher of the Photo Engravers Union. The sole candidate endorsed alike by the Honest Government Committee and the Union Labor Party was Supervisor James B.

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Progressive Merger
Heralds People's
Victory in the West

E. L. Oliver Says Prospects In East Brighten National Picture for Progressive Political Action

By TOM PATTERSON
E. L. Oliver came to California bringing with him the status of permanent state affiliation to the California People's Legislative Conference, which forthwith adopted the name of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Mr. Oliver is the executive vice-president of Labor's Non-Partisan League, and he arrived here much later than expected because he found the labor movement and the farmers getting into politics all across the country and calling for more of his attention than he anticipated.

But the day after he arrived in San Francisco he met with a special session of the state executive board of the Legislative Conference, from which emerged the announcement: "The national organization of Labor's Non-Partisan League is glad indeed to welcome the California People's Legislative Conference into the League."

Local Autonomy Assured
He told the Western Worker that this action followed correspondence and earlier conferences, capped by a vote of the national officers of the League. The official announcement said that the objectives of the two organizations are identical and added:

"It should be stressed that this affiliation in no way subjects the California Conference to the domination of the national organization. Instead it puts the available resources of the national behind the California organization to carry out our common purposes."

The new branch of the Non-Partisan League is headed by A. F. Gaynor, official of the Railway and Steamship Clerks, who was elected state chairman at the convention of the conference last June. It had functioned actively in pressing labor's political demand before the state legislature and in local communities since early last January, when it was formed by a state-wide conference of unions and other progressive organizations.

Progressives' Prospects
"With the formalizing of its organization on a planned basis," said Oliver, "the League in California will undoubtedly attain a far greater influence."

"Does this mean the election of more progressive assemblies?" "It means electing more progressives and making heavier inroads into the senate which has been a big barrier in California. It also means the exertion of far greater influence on those now in office."

Without entering into the particulars of the San Francisco city election campaign he said that the program of the Honest Government Committee and its endorsement for supervisory office of Marjorie January, George Anderson, Herbert Nugent and James B. McSheehy "is directly in line with the policy of the League."

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SUB SINKS SHIP
AFTER DUCE'S
SPAIN GESTURE

Soviet Press Warns Delay Favoring Mussolini In Spain

LONDON—The French government, definitely reacting against British Tory support of Mussolini, Monday dispatched warships and a fleet of ammunition-laden destroyers to the Mediterranean following three successive "pirate" attacks on French shipping and the machine-gunning of a French air mail base by an unidentified seaplane.

A complete repudiation of the country's acquiescence in the British Tory policy was expected at the Wednesday meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee, where France was expected to demand an immediate agreement for the withdrawal of all "volunteers" from Spain and a curb on Italian activities in the Balearics and Morocco.

Pirate Attacks Again
Failing to get such an agreement, France was announced as ready to withdraw from the Non-Intervention Committee and reassume "freedom of action."

The new "pirate attacks," coupled with reports of increased shipment of Italian troops to Spain, followed the Italian "agreement" for a partial withdrawal of troops after a "neutral commission" had studied the question of volunteers. The delay favoring Mussolini had been advocated by the British delegate.

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Japan Stopped As
Chinese Unity Grows

SHANGHAI—Japanese invaders of China faced difficulties throughout the beleaguered country after ten weeks of major offensive here had fallen far short of its expected goal.

Although Japanese headquarters announced Monday morning that its forces had captured Tazang, strategic point on the Shanghai defense lines, it was generally recognized that nearly four months of fighting since the "incident" near Peiping on the night of July 7 had aroused a national Chinese front which seriously threatened Japan on many fronts.

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Subway Bond Cost Falls on Small Owners

C. P. Urges Defeat; Calls for Plan to Make Those Who Will Get Profits Bear Heaviest Cost

By TOM PATTERSON

It is one thing to say that San Francisco needs a subway system, and the daily press of San Francisco is saying that very loudly and very dramatically. It is not a hard thing to say, for it is obviously true and generally recognized.

Street cars move along Market Street at a snail's pace.

If dilapidated rolling stock and bumpy road beds on the Market Street car lines were not annoying and dilatory enough, San Francisco has proved itself thoroughly disgusted with that company's one-man cars and its hiking of fares by the 2-cent transfer system.

To quote the San Francisco Communist Party's earliest statement in the current campaign:

"The proposed subway system is from a technical standpoint a splendidly progressive, modern rapid transit plan, which would immeasurably improve San Francisco's outmoded and inadequate transportation facilities."

What is left out of the propaganda of the proponents and most of the opponents of the subway bond issue, however, is the method of financing.

Small Owners Pay

No bond issue over the present assessment rolls of San Francisco is a fair bond issue. It simply means distributing the heaviest portion of the cost over the great majority of small home and shop owners, and the interest cost on the subway bonds alone is nearly double the 49 million dollars which is the estimated price of building the subway.

Figures issued by Controller Harold J. Boyd show that the subway bonds alone would result in a tax rate boost of nearly 50 cents per one hundred dollars.

But while San Francisco's small citizens could vote for a betterment of their transportation at that cost, the downtown mercantile concerns and the bond buyers stand to take the

cash benefits of the bonds. When you add to this the fact that the subway bonds would be an almost prohibitive obstacle to the city's purchase of the P. G. & E. distributing system for city-produced Hetch-Hetchy power, you may guess that the reactionary support for the subway bonds is not motivated by any concern for the workers and small owners.

At Whose Expense?

In short, they want a rapid transit system which would repay them heavily in cash dividends. They want it and they need it.

And they are trying to get it, but not at their expense. It is not to oppose the eventual building of a subway that the Communist Party vigorously opposes the bond issue. It is because a new financing plan must be brought forward to put the expense where it belongs. And this is particularly important in view of the fact that San Francisco would be the smallest city ever to undertake such an expensive transit system and the proportionate cost is far higher than in other cities with subways.

I.W.O. Lodge in Oakland Holds Funeral for Member

OAKLAND—Funeral services for Joe Ellis, who died after a two-day illness from an attack of acute appendicitis, were conducted Monday, Oct. 18, by Hungarian Lodge No. 1038, International Workers' Order. Ellis was 23 years old. He is survived by a widow and two children.

'Please Don't Eat Here, Buddies!'



AMERICAN LEGION visitors in New York pass by a picketed automat after reading messages of greeting on their banners. Earlier in the convention some Legion playboys took the signs as an occasion for fun-making, but after the union directed its appeal straight to the Legion, most of the delegates saw a new light in their struggle for a living wage.

VICTIMS OF C. S. LAW TO TALK IN S. F.

Mass Meeting Scheduled in Scottish Rite Hall Wed. Evening

SAN FRANCISCO—Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson and Jack Crane, all three recently released from San Quentin after winning their appeal against conviction under the Criminal Syndicalism Act, will speak at a victory mass meeting Wednesday night, Oct. 27, at Scottish Rite Auditorium.

Pension Union To Ask U. S. For Increase

SEATTLE—A demand that Congress, at its November 15 special session, match dollar for dollar, without limit, the appropriations of individual states for old age assistance, will keynote the first annual convention of the Washington Old Age Pension Union at Broadway High School, Seattle, November 6 and 7. Roy Everett, general secretary of the Pension Union, predicted today.

Commonwealth Federation Wins H.O.L.C. Concession

SEATTLE—Local offices of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation were informed this week that the administrative regulations of the HOLC have been relaxed to allow home loan recipients who have become delinquent in their payments to repay delinquencies over the entire period the home loan is to run.

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Grand Jury in L. A. Quarrels Over Vice; Ignores Conspiracy

Jury Filled With Employers Connected With Politicians; Disregards Violence Against Labor

By IRVING KREITZBERG

Hear ye! The grand jury of the County of Los Angeles is now in session. Solemnly it sits, though not very silently, conducting hearings.

For the past few weeks it has been deliberating over charges made by the Citizens' Independent Vice Investigating Committee that there is an "unholy alliance between vice lords and the public officials" of Los Angeles. The head of the Citizens' Committee is himself a juror, Clifford E. Clinton.

Advised Raids
There have been spectacular raids on bawdy houses (always accompanied by press cameramen), grave pronouncements and charges and one-man investigating committees and threatened exposures of officials, and nothing has happened, except that Dr. Wilkinson, himself a member of the Citizens' Committee, is facing censure from the County Charity Board for taking bribes from Guy McAfee, vice president of the county.

Public Suspects
John Public has begun to suspect that certain parties were more interested in securing publicity than in suppressing vice and corruption.

During the past few months another series of violent, brutal and direct violations of the city's criminal statutes have occurred with the apparent knowledge of the public officials and police.

Members of the CIO have been cruelly beaten by goon squads hired by the top officials of the Teamsters' Union. Police have knowingly closed their eyes. A number of times police were present when the assaults took place. In the one instance where arrests were made, the district attorney's office failed to prosecute.

Because here was evidence of an unholy alliance between certain top officials of the AFL, the open shoppers and public officials, and because here also authorities were neglecting to perform their duty, criminals were being harbored and the law flouted, the CIO requested an investigation by the grand jury.

A score of victims appeared to testify. But only three were allowed into the chamber. The jury which had been quarreling and calling each other names suddenly presented a united front. Not one was interested in the beatings, violations of law and laxity of public officials. Instead they harassed the victims with questions about their political beliefs and resorted to red baiting.

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Relief Stopped in Conspiracy to Cut Agricultural Wages

Forced Labor Being Extended, Says Roy Nofzt

OAKLAND—Refusing even to hear representatives of the Workers' Alliance who had come to protest, the Alameda County board of supervisors voted to establish a labor camp for single men at Regional Park in the Berkeley Hills.

OAKLAND—The forced labor camps for single men, that have been established in the southern part of the state are extended throughout the state. Organizer Roy Nofzt of the Workers' Alliance said here, The Alameda County Supervisors' Thursday morning will consider the establishment of such camps in that county and the Workers' Alliance has called for a mass protest at that meeting with as many organizations represented as can be reached in time.

These camps are strong reminders of the Hitler labor camps of Germany, he said, and are for single men who will work eight hours per day for their food, clothing, shelter and a small tobacco allowance but no money.

Ventura Also
The same WPA program has been put into effect in Ventura County where all projects have been closed, including all white collar projects and all workers forced into the fields.

This is in direct violation of the signed agreement the Workers' Alliance has with the State WPA office and those standing on their rights are being told that they will never again be granted relief if they do not accept these impossible conditions. Despite this men responding to the orders of the state employment office usually find no job.

In Los Angeles, Nofzt said workers are being forced out into the fields by police terror. Officers are visiting the homes of workers, especially Mexicans, telling them to take their children out of school and go out into the agricultural fields or face arrest.

The harvest these workers are being forced into is that of picking walnuts for which they receive only 25 cents per sack minus rent for tents unless they stay the whole season. In this case they are supposed to receive 50 cents per sack and tent rent free, but the practice in the past has always been to fire most of the workers just before the season ends and thus they never receive their bonus.

Treated as Jailbirds
In the camps already established in Los Angeles County a small number of these men receive from \$2 to \$7 in cash per month. This cash is supposed to be "for good behavior" just as a convict becomes a trusty in prison, but here these workers are expected to lead in speeding up the work and to act as stoop pigeons.

The clothes furnished by the camps, according to Nofzt, consist of blue denim jumps and jeans, and army hiking shoes. The food is bad and there is no medical care provided. No worker can leave the camp without a permit. The southern camps are at Pocomo, Tujunga, Alondra and the infamous Glen Helen Hog Ranch.

Los Angeles

Anita Whitney Radio Talk to Close Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO—Anita Whitney, Communist candidate for supervisor, will make her closing campaign speech over Radio Station KGO on the eve of election.

Her talk will be broadcast at 5:15 p.m. Monday Nov. 1. The Twenty-third Assembly District Branch of the Communist Party will hold an open forum on the election Thursday night, Oct. 28, at Equality Hall, 141 Albion Street. Gordon Williams will speak.

In the twenty-second Assembly District, the final open forum meeting on the election will be held Thursday night, Oct. 28, at 2109 Geary Street.

Memorial Planned To Haymarket Dead On November 11th

NEW YORK—On the fiftieth anniversary of the death of the Haymarket Martyrs in Chicago, hanged for their part in the fight for the eight hour day, a giant memorial ceremony will be organized at the Haymarket monument in Chicago under the auspices of the Labor Defender, organ of the International Labor Defense.

On that day, November 11, 10,000 flowers and a mountain of wreaths will be placed on the monument by a sponsoring committee including Lucy Parsons, widow of the martyred Albert Parsons, and prominent trade unionists.

Calling every friend of labor to participate, Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, said: "This memorial is a symbol of the challenge of the living to those who murdered our heroic dead." Twenty-five cents to the national office of the ILD at 20 East 11th Street, New York, will place a flower on the monument.

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Wages Increase 1050 Per Cent In the Workers' Land of Plenty

Soviet People Share Benefits of Planned Economy While Monopolists of U. S. A. Hog Workers' Product

By GEORGE P. HITCHCOCK

MOSCOW—Total wages paid out to Soviet workers and office employees have risen one thousand and fifty per cent during the ten years from 1927 to 1937, figures disclosed here reveal.

Total wage bill for 1927 amounted to 3,838,600,000 rubles. The average taken over the first nine months of 1937 show that 71,400,000,000 rubles will be paid out to workers this year.

During the same time the total number of citizens employed in industrial and office work rose from 11,600,000 to 26,000,000. But these figures do not tell the whole story of the economic achievements of the past few years. Prices have been slashed time and again, amounting in the case of some goods to as much as a 70 per cent reduction in cost.

Real Wages Higher

Thus real wages have risen far more than the figures above would indicate.

The most astounding proof of the tremendous economic progress achieved in the Soviet Union, however, is given in the figures released by the conservative French "Bulletin Mensuel de Statistique" (Monthly Statistical Bulletin). With 100 as the index figure for the year 1929, they trace the progress of industrial production (which includes all salable goods) in both the Soviet Union and the entirety of the capitalist world.

In the capitalist world the index sank rapidly from 100 to 63 by 1932 at the depth of depression. By the first half of 1937 production in the capitalist world had just edged itself up above the level of 1929—to 102.5.

Meanwhile, what was happening in the land of Socialism? To begin with there was no depression. Under a society planned for the equal benefit of all its members, the "crisis," as we know it, disappears completely.

The March Upward

The figures for the Soviet Union: In 1930, 130.9; in 1931, 161.3; in 1932, 183.4; in 1933, 198.4; in 1934, 233.3; in 1935, 293.4; in 1936, 382.3.

And in the first half of 1937 industrial production was at the figure of 414.2, or over four times the amount of 1929!

Naturally this tremendous and unbroken upward surge in production meant that an increasing amount of commodities were being distributed among the people.

Figures on the increase of consumption per head in the Soviet Union are interesting. With the inauguration of the second Five Year Plan in 1932 the emphasis in production turned to producing consumption goods—that is, clothing, food, radios, and all the thousand and one things the average citizen wants.

In 1932 these consumption articles were produced to the value of 20,200,000,000 rubles. By 1937 on the successful completion of the second Five Year Plan 43,000,000,000 rubles worth of consumption goods were being produced a year.

In other words the number of articles of clothing, food, furniture, radios, etc., had more than doubled in that time!

The Price Cuts

But what of actual consumption? Do the workers receive these excess goods? Here are the figures comparing consumption in certain foods for 1936; the figures given show 1936 consumption per head as a percentage of 1932, bread, 128.2 per cent; potatoes, 127.2 per cent; meat and berries, 194.9 per cent; meat and fish, 187.8 per cent; pork, 526.6 per cent; sausage, 326.6 per cent; all dairy products, 192.1 per cent; milk, 266.6 per cent; eggs, 191.2 per cent; sugar, 142.8 per cent.

This means, for instance, that the average worker now consumes approximately twice as much fruit as he did in 1932, three times as much sausage, etc.

Before the Revolution

Pre-revolutionary Russian workers had wages, hours and

productivity incomparable to anything in America and Europe and comparable only to the Chinese Asiatic standard. A factory survey of 1908 showed that the average wage was 20 rubles and 50 kopeks—about \$12 a month—with a work day from 10 to 12 hours. Trade unions were suppressed and the country's resources belonged to private capitalists, chiefly foreigners. There were 30,000,000 poor peasants concealed in the army of the unemployed and pressing on the labor market.

The World War further exhausted the country, which recovered economically about 1923. Hence the chief gains in the living standard are attributable to the two 5-year plans of the past decade.

Today, as a result of the victories of socialist planning, twenty-two million members of 163 trade unions possess 5,653 club buildings, 13,000 libraries, hundreds of sanatoriums and sport stadiums. They also administer gigantic social insurance funds which tripled in the last six years reaching, in 1936, nine billion rubles, equal to a tenth of the whole national income. It includes over a billion rubles in disability and age pensions. Health resorts served 1,500,000 workers. Maternity benefits grew 10-fold in the last four years, reaching nearly a billion rubles.

Besides social insurance, other vast sums, which come under the state and union social services included students' stipends, free medicine, cultural services, totaling 600 rubles annually per worker, thus adding the equivalent of two to three months' wages.

What has happened in the United States during the same period? The United States is the richest and most prosperous of all the capitalist countries and in many respects still surpasses the Soviet Union in industrial production and standard of living.

But where is it going? Is it improving under capitalism or is it getting worse?

Right now industrial production figures show that production is hovering around 101, or in other words, after eight years of struggle we have only managed to regain the 1929 level! At the same time we have a permanent army of unemployed, amounting to around 7,000,000 persons.

And prices? We do not have to introduce figures to know that commodity prices are sky-rocketing. But the conservative National Industrial Conference Board reports that during the last year wholesale prices have risen throughout the nation to the tune of 11 per cent.

But do the big monopolists absorb this price rise? Judge for yourself. In the first quarter of 1936 United States Steel announced a net profit of \$3,376,000. In the first quarter of 1937 the same company announced a net profit of \$25,562,000.

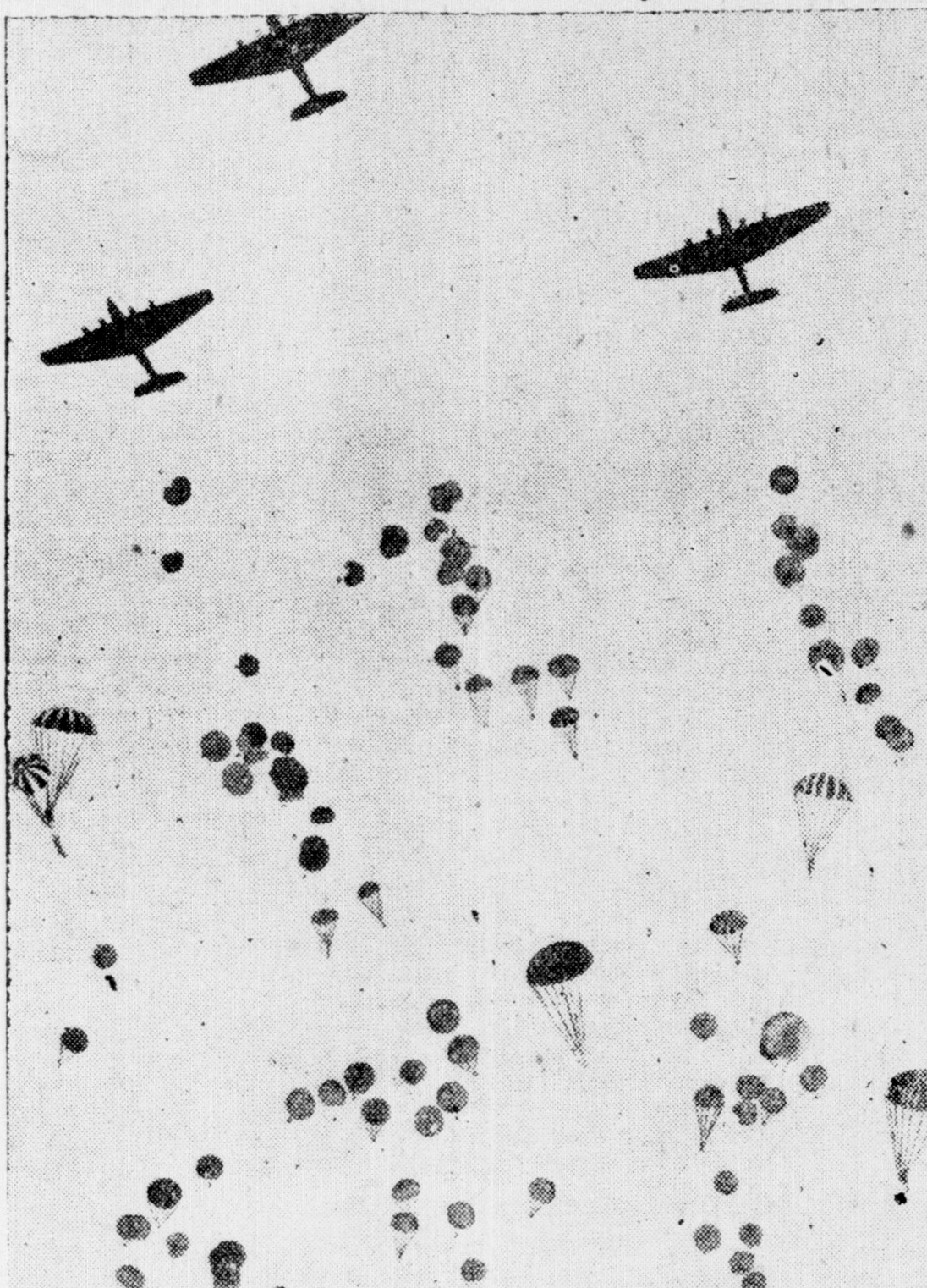
In other words, in one year this company enjoyed a 746 per cent increase in net profits. No wonder it did not want to risk a strike with the CIO!

This is but a sample. Other corporations made advances almost as startling. The American people are being caught between the pincers of lowered wages and less employment on one hand, and mounting prices plus an "economy of scarcity" on the other.

Ask CIO Boycott Japan

WASHINGTON—An appeal to the CIO for boycott of Japanese goods and to prevent the loading of ships destined for Japan was received here from Madam Sun Yat-Sen, widow of China's "George Washington."

Moscow Workers Study Jumping



JUMPERS dot the Soviet sky as massed parachute jumps become common place in the USSR. In America, where aviation is now a monopoly of finance capital, three huge airliners have recently crashed.

Eighteen Groups Back People's Peace Congress

NEW YORK—Eighteen national organizations representing an important cross-section of the American people have endorsed the People's Congress for Democracy and Peace, which has been called by the American League Against War and Fascism to Pittsburgh for Nov. 26-28.

The national groups which are supporting the People's Congress are: Workers Alliance of America; United Rubber Workers of America; United Electrical, Radio and Machinists Union; National Maritime Union; International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers; Hollywood Anti-Nazi League for Defense of American Democracy; American Federation of Teachers; and American Communications Association.

The national affiliates of the American League Against War and Fascism, which are endorsing the People's Congress, include: Methodist Federation for Social Service; International Workers Order; Armenian Youth League Against War and Fascism to Pittsburgh for Nov. 26-28.

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HINT DUKE IS GROOMED FOR FASCIST COUP

Observers See Interest In "Working Conditions" As Demagogic Buildup

NEW YORK—The impending visit to the United States of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor has stirred up a whirlwind of controversy over the motives of his trip.

Since his deposition last year as King of England the Duke of Windsor has been noticeable for an alarming tendency—to pose

STUTTGART—Edward, Duke of Windsor, and his American wife visited Adolf Hitler at the latter's summer home in Berchtesgaden Friday.

Edward has been given British permission to visit the United States immediately after his German tour.

on one hand as "a friend of the working man," and on the other hand to hobnob closely with the rulers of Nazi Germany.

He is scheduled personally to confer with Adolf Hitler, bloody ruler of Germany, some time this week.

Has Nazi Friends

"The Duke's choice of Nazi Germany as the first country of his 'studies' is not accidental," declares Harry Gannes, international commentator for the New York Daily Worker. "Edward has important friends in Germany."

Who these "important friends" are is best indicated by the enthusiastic ovation given the Duke and his American-born wife during their visit to Germany—an ovation that was certainly in effect an official reception.

To What Purpose?

The Nazis have chosen David Windsor as "their man." For his part, Windsor does not seem at all reluctant to bask in the light of Nazified glory. And his purpose?

"It seems almost certain that if Edward is recalled by Britain it will be to keep the British left wing in bounds," remarks the reactionary but well-informed Wall Street "Whaley-Eaton Service."

Frederick Birchall, the conservative New York Times Berlin correspondent believes that Windsor's grand tour throughout Nazi Germany is calculated to improve Anglo-Nazi relations, particularly among the fairly broad section of the English lower middle class which feels sentimentally that Windsor represents the British "forgotten man."

Windsor's familiarity with the Nazis has caused Heywood Brown, president of the American Newspaper Guild and noted

Diary of an American in Spain

Through a Hail of Lead To Capture a Fortress

By ADDISON KEELER

We are lying on our bellies near the brow of a hill. On the other side lies the hill on which is the fascist fort. With the naked eye the enemies' concrete fortifications are practically invisible—so cleverly are they camouflaged that they blend naturally with the rocky terrain. All we can see is the stark summit of a high hill upon which our artillery shells burst, raising clouds of dust and smoke.

The artillery has been pounding away now for more than half an hour, and we lie there watching. Orders are to give cover fire as soon as the bombardment lessens and the English company which is forward to our left and the Spanish company on our right, advances.

Again we are in a grandstand position to view a battle—only there's a difference. Today we're not in reverse. Overhead there is a sheet of flying steel from enemy machine guns, into which it would be unhealthy to thrust your head.

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MURDER STIRS MEXICO DRIVE ON FASCISTS

Peasants' Ire Grows As Ceditillo Assassins Set-up Reign of Terror

MEXICO CITY—The murder of Tomas Tapia, Mexican peasant leader, at the hands of fascist gunmen of General Saturnino Cedillo in San Luis Potosi this week has thrown Mexico in a state of general excitement.

The Cardenas government, with the active backing of the trade unions, is taking all possible steps to anticipate the Fascist insurrection which is generally expected in the near future.

General Cedillo, an avowed Fascist, controls the province of San Luis Potosi with an iron hand. He keeps a large private army and has in defiance of repeated orders from Mexico City to disband it.

Tapia, secretary of the Agrarian Action of the Mexican Confederation of Peasants, was killed along the streets of San Luis Potosi, the provincial capital, in broad daylight. He had been active in opposing Cedillo's brutal repression of workers' organizations.

The murder of Tapia followed close on the heels of the assassination of five Indian peasants and the wounding of 21 others when Cedillo's private police charged a peasant meeting in the city of Valles, fascist stronghold.

These shootings have caused alarming repercussions throughout Mexico. Mass demonstrations were called in Mexico City and responsibility for the murders was placed squarely on the shoulders of General Cedillo. Cedillo was recently removed as Secretary of Agriculture by President Cardenas.

The secretary of state has made no secret of his Fascist aspirations, and it is widely rumored that German and Italian capital is backing his proposed coup.

Deputy Charges Plot

MEXICO CITY—"The Fascist generals are preparing for Mexico a bloodbath such as that in which they have engulfed Spain," charged Deputy Arellano Belloc at a giant mass meeting called here in protest against the fascist murder of five peasants in San Luis Potosi province.

"Cedillo has on several occasions spoken to German and Italian diplomats who promised him all the aid he needed for rebellion once they consolidate victory in Spain," Belloc asserted.

U. S. Consuls Report

The charges brought by Belloc were coincident with a report issued by United States consuls meeting here that American investments in Mexico had shrunk from two billion dollars to about three quarters of a billion dollars during the last few years.

The consuls charged that the land seizure program advanced by President Lazaro Cardenas was responsible for a large part of the loss. They likewise attacked Cardenas for encouraging workers to strike against American companies demanding wage increases.

The consuls declared this policy was driving many American firms out of business. They called particular attention to the recent strike of oil workers and threatened that the United States state department might take some action.

President Cardenas has consistently advanced the slogan of "Mexico for the Mexicans" and has not hesitated to appropriate and for the peasants without compensation.

Observers believed that disgruntled American capitalists might be behind General Cedillo's fascist plans.

Push Agrarian Reforms

SAN LUIS POTOSI—Gabino Vasquez, head of the Mexican Agrarian department, arrived here this week to push plans for agrarian reforms in San Luis Potosi province.

So far reforms have been seriously impeded by the sabotage of General Saturnino Cedillo, strong man of the Province.

Vasquez has been instructed to carry out the government's progressive program in full.

Nazis Further Plans

BERLIN—Adolf Hitler's Nazi government officially proclaimed its right to support a Nazi party in Czechoslovakia which demands autonomy of a large section of western and northern Czechoslovakia.

The Nazi statement came in the form of a "warning" after Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten German (Nazi) party, had written a letter to the Prague government demanding autonomy.

Unofficially, the German Nazis have long been known to be directly financing and supporting the Nazi movement in Czechoslovakia.

treachery. But there is none, and soon we all of us go up on the embankment, round the shoulder which joins the two hills and arrive at the surrendered fascist fortress.

It's Like Meeting an Old Friend!



Martin Wilson, Jack Crane and Pat Chambers, Criminal Syndicalism prisoners freed from San Quentin by the recent Appeals Court decision, are here seen with their first copy of the Western Worker after their release.

Two and a half years is a long time behind the bars. A long time to remember and a long time to forget. There is one thing the CS boys did not forget and that is the paper that did not forget them--the Western Worker. They urge that all those thousands of men and women who made their freedom possible pitch in to make impossible the repetition of such a crime against human rights by building A DAILY WESTERN WORKER.

Have YOU Done YOUR Share?

California Provides Fuel For Japanese Airplanes

By Eliot Janeway

Following shipment by Japan of nearly \$150,000,000 in hard yellow gold bullion to the United States between March and September, a group of American oil companies active in the west coast market combined to sell fully 25,000,000 gallons of high-grade aviation fuel to Japan.

In no other oil market could Japan have obtained so much bombing plane fuel in one transaction. She has leased 32 oil tankers from the same oil companies which are selling her oil and which control the oil tanker market on the coast. Who are these interests cooperating with her?

First and foremost is the great Standard Oil Co. of California, whose interests carry it all over the world.

Then there is the huge Texas Corp., whose foreign enterprises are conducted in partnership

with Standard of California. Texas Corp. is in good part controlled by the very interests which control the cotton export and shipping business with Japan.

Not far behind are such giants as Union Oil of California, Shell, Union Oil and Tidewater Associated Oil. Significant is the connection of both Tidewater and the Shell group with the international banking house of Kuhn, Loeb, which itself has conducted important banking transactions for Japanese interests, and many of whose industrial connections, such as Westinghouse, are prominent in the Japanese picture.

There can be no misunderstanding the meaning of Japan's oil shipments to this country. This gold has been financing the purchases of strategic war materials like oil, upon which Japan relies if her war is to continue.

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Labor Has Every Reason to Boycott the Chest Drive

THE Community Chest in San Francisco asks labor and the friends of labor to help finance a knife in their own backs.

The issue on which the Maritime Federation District Council has declared a boycott against the Chest is a clear issue. For years the Chest has contributed to an open scab-herding outfit, the Seamen's Church Institute. Nor was there any attempt to disguise the Institute's activities.

This would certainly be enough in itself, but the Chest's refusal to aid the Union Recreation Center caps the climax. Even its own research committee said the Center fulfilled all that the Chest was supposed to support in the way of recreational facilities for the waterfront community, that the Center offered the alternative, especially for seamen, to beer halls and dives.

Only one reason for Chest refusal remained. It had been clear sooner. It was crystal clear now. The Chest is anti-labor.

But the Chest is anti-labor in more than the Recreation Center situation, in more ways than its open aid to strikebreaking—deliberate strikebreaking, with malice aforethought.

Is it not remarkable indeed that the outstanding open shoppers and reactionaries of the city offer the facilities of their payroll department to take your contribution out of your pay check?

And the same reactionaries fight tooth and nail against decent relief to the unemployed; they fight to cut WPA and force workers to accept the misery of agricultural wages or complete unemployment.

In short, the Community Chest is a valuable weapon in their hands to make a show of "charity" while using every weapon at their hands to prevent the working class from getting any real relief.

In short, the deliberate support of strikebreaking flows directly from the purpose which reactionaries have in mind when they support the Chest in the first place. It is far cheaper for them in the long run than any program which would substantially benefit the working class. And it is used to stand in the way of such a program.

The District Council's resolution urges that contributions be made directly to institutions which actually serve the underprivileged, and there are some within the Chest organization. But to contribute to the Chest directly is to contribute to a knife in the back of labor.

The Western Worker urges labor and its friends to support the boycott.

The Tories to the Aid of Mussolini and Franco

TRUST the British Tory cabinet to come to the relief of Mussolini when he needs it most. It has done so again, and the headlines say that Mussolini has "backed down."

Instead, Mussolini has been given what to him is a welcome delay at a time when he needed it badly. That is the actual meaning of his agreement to a "token" withdrawal of troops after a commission has studied the matter and suggested a basis on which the withdrawal should be made.

Firm opposition of the Soviet Union prevented the British cabinet from going the whole hog and granting belligerency status to the Italian, German and Moorish army which is nominally commanded by General Franco.

Delay was the objective. Delay, the Tories got for him.

First the Mussolini agreement was branded as a concession, then as a master stroke of strategy. Only a little time, supposedly, was necessary for Franco to "annihilate" the government armies. Strategy it was, but not a master stroke. It is the strategy of assassins who are being beaten and who want a breathing spell.

No one realizes any better than Mussolini and the British Tories that the indignation of democratic forces everywhere against the fascist invasion is a rising tide. They know that the demand for the withdrawal of all Italian troops, which is the demand of the Soviet Union and of the masses everywhere, is one which neither the Tories nor the open fascists can ignore completely.

The Soviet Union is the staunch advocate of this demand: **Remove all the Italian troops from Spain!** Or cut out the false non-intervention pose altogether and allow the government of Spain to get arms and support from wherever they are available.

The Drive Against Labor Through the SRA

LABOR striving to drive up its wage scales has another offensive to combat.

Forced labor camps in Los Angeles, Kern, Ventura and Alameda Counties have just been opened. Paralleling this, relief has been almost entirely cut off in Kern County and is being trimmed elsewhere.

The State Relief Administrator in Bakersfield makes no bones about it. He boasts that he is cooperating with the Associated Farmers to "guarantee" a plentiful supply of agricultural workers—at scab wages.

This isn't the private problem of the agricultural workers and the unemployed. It is a stab at labor and the organizations of labor, and the officials of the state, entrusted with federal funds, are deliberately and openly carrying it out.

And the only reason they can go so far as they have, is this, that the labor movement and its allies have not become alarmed at it, have not flooded relief heads with protest, have not sent delegations to demand the restoration of relief to those in need, have not picketed the offices of the relief stations, have not voiced their collective protest with sufficient vigor to Washington and Sacramento.

Cutting off relief means that the government is acting as a strike-breaking agency.

Forced labor camps for single men, with a pay of \$2.50 per month only on condition of "good behavior," i. e., acting as stool pigeons, is not only a disgusting and miserable insult to labor, but it is a dangerously fascist method.

The labor movement cannot afford to be silent, and its protests must be immediate and positive. There will be buck passing. But a flood of protest resolutions should be addressed to Harold C. Pomeroy, state relief administrator, 785 Market Street, San Francisco; to the State Relief Commission at the same address; to Governor Merriam and the State Welfare Board at Sacramento, and to Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins.

We Want a Touchdown

IT'S FIRST down and two more first downs to go for the goal line in the Daily Western Worker drive.

Or, to translate the language of the season into more common-place English, the \$10,000 mark has been passed in the \$35,000 drive!

That, undoubtedly, is something! But, to revert to the language of the season, there isn't very much time left to play.

It took seven weeks to go over the first \$10,000. There are ten weeks left to raise the additional \$25,000. The simplest of mathematics show that a faster pace is needed from now on if the goal is to be reached. Even discounting the fact that it took some time to get under way and gather momentum, the drive has been lagging behind in its race with time.

The most heartening feature of reaching the \$10,000 mark is that it shows that money can be raised, that people are willing to contribute for a daily progressive paper.

That token is the best stimulus for further effort.

Second down, or \$20,000 must be reached by November 7th.

Let's go in there fighting. There are fresh reserves who have been sitting on the bench until now. Their place is in the game. There are many plays up our sleeve which haven't as yet been used.

Let's give it everything we've got. We want a touchdown!

Herndon--The Negro's Answer to Fascism!

FASCIST bullets tinged blood-red a name on memory's scroll of heroism last week.

Lifeless on the Zaragossa Front in Spain lay young Milton Herndon, while the winged name of Herndon flew faster 'round the earth, defying all hated tyrannies and prophesying freedom for peoples long oppressed.

Precisely on that day when Herndon fell, five thousand of his people listened while another Herndon urged them to carry on their century-old battle for democracy and progress. It was Milton's brother, Angelo—he who dared the terror of a Georgia chain gang—speaking to the second convention of the National Negro Congress in Philadelphia.

The convention heard and acted. They cheered beloved Angelo. They resolved to carry on the struggle, to fight for liberty and peace, to oppose fascism and war.

Here was an answer worthy of the name of Herndon.

Here is the answer of the Negro people to the chauvinists and war-makers—Angelo leading the struggle for liberation, Milton lying dead on a Spanish battlefield, with his gun-muzzle aimed at the flag of international fascism.

For the world's enslaved and suffering people, the name of Herndon is a synonym for hope.

IN RED SQUARE LIES THE BODY OF BELOVED LENIN

By VSEVOLOD IVANOV

(Continued from last issue)

OCTOBER 1919. It is over a year that Moscow has again become a capital. This time it is the Capital of Labor. There is a parade on the Red Square. Red Army commanders on review. Among them we can already find the leaders of tanks and armored cars. After the review, the paraders leave to put in their last "subbotnik" (a Socialist work day), before boarding trains—before going out to vanquish the enemies who are invading the country on all sides.

Hard days await these Red Commanders. They will be rapidly thrown from the Northern to the Western Front. They will be shipped south to the Caucasian Front. The Turkistan sands will burn them. The Siberian cold will freeze them. On the numberless fronts, wherever Stalin's tireless energy, iron will and military genius, constantly prepare deadly blows for the enemy, the Proletariat has decisive victories. The Red Commanders, those mighty fellows, joyously look upon the Red Square covered with pools of water, mud and torn out cobbles. They look upon all the pedestrians, armed with sacks, upon this grey sky, and cheerfully think: "Very well, the root must have been torn out by now!"

The Red Commanders were not the only ones out on a "Subbotnik." The whole country went out to work—repairing streets, unloading freight cars, felling trees. In 1920, the First of May was celebrated as a Subbotnik all over the country. There was no parade on the Red Square that day. The Party announced: "We will celebrate the great day by organized joyful work."

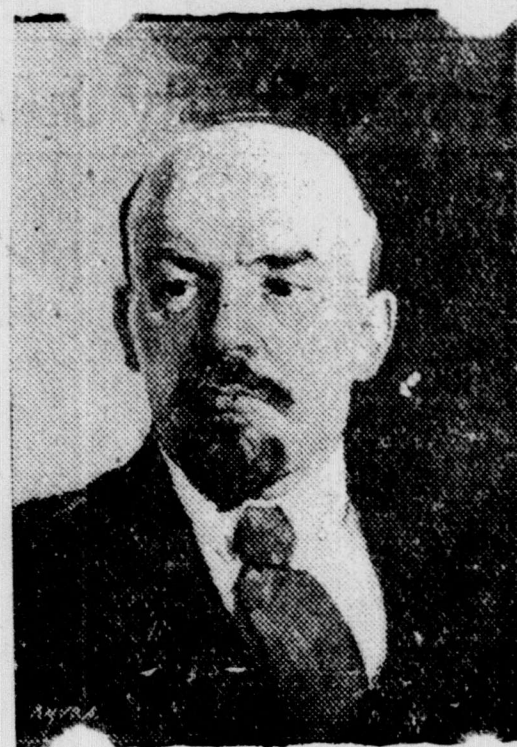
They were cleaning up the Kremlin. In the yards, near the Kremlin walls, there was a sea of mud. Smashed wagons piled up, guns abandoned by the White Guard Junkers, half rotted sandbags, matting, boards and beams. Groups of people busy piling all this rubbish into wagons.

"Ilyich, Ilyich!" . . . runs through the crowd.

"Where, where is he?" A group of eight men are carrying a great heavy log on their shoulders. Among these eight, carrying the log, was Lenin.

The rifles, thoroughly cleaned, stand idle in their racks. The artillery is coiled up. Both are now used only in drills. The newspapers no longer have "news from the fronts." The parades on the Red Square grow ever younger. The old folks have returned to their machines and lathes, to new, creative and marvelous labor.

The country is working and studying, singing and happy. But the terribly cold January of 1924 brings this country almost grief. The Red Square is lit up



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by the misty, red flames of bonfires. A biting leaden grey wind blows over the crowds standing by the bonfires, over the Red Army men, immobile, like frozen statues. All over the Red Square—the sound of falling axes, the squeak of wagons, bringing over new supplies of fuel.

There are bonfires all around the House of Trade Unions. Nurses circulate through the throngs to treat frost-bitten people. There is a line-up of people for many long blocks. They have come to pay homage to Lenin, lying in state. . . . Lenin is dead. His body is in the great Hall of Columns. The Marshals of the Revolution stand in continuous

(The Western Worker presents Vsevolod Ivanov, one of the Soviet Union's best and best loved writers, who describes the caravan of Russian history as it moved through Red Square. It is a brilliantly written history, the major portion of which is devoted to Russia since the revolution. We offer to our readers as an absorbing explanation of events since the Revolution of 1917 whose twentieth anniversary will be celebrated next month.—ed.)

guard over his bier. Great throngs of people flow past Lenin's immobile face.

Towering high, near the Kremlin Wall, a great cube is rising. It is completed. Its doors are wide open. Over its outer wall is one single word: "LENIN!"

Row upon row of stern faced Red Army soldiers on guard. Tears are rolling down their weather beaten faces. Ilyich is coming through their ranks. For the last time. Tenderly carried upon shoulders of devoted, trusting friends and comrades. Coming into the Red Square.

At exactly 9:30 a.m., the funeral cortege enters the Red Square. Loving hands lift the heavy casket to a great pedestal,

and cover it with the large banners of the Central Committee and the Comintern.

The extraordinary Congress of Soviets reads "The Appeal to Telling Humanity" . . . Columns upon columns of mourners march by the casket. With trembling hands they lower their banners. Tears freeze upon their cheeks. While the Northern wind howls and whistles . . .

At 3:55 p.m., the banners are removed from the casket. The marching columns stop in silence. "Attention!" The Red Army ranks are in a silent salute of honor . . .

Stalin with his comrades, Nadejda Konstantinovna, Maria Ilyichna (Lenin's wife and sister) approach the casket. . . . A forest of lowered banners, A rifle salute.

The Red Square is singing "You fell, a victim in the fatal struggle" . . . Singing . . . and Crying . . . There are no speeches . . . No one can speak . . . Hereafter humanity's roads will merge here, upon this Red Square. To flow on from here in a single, rubied stream. The great leader and guard of the new humanity rests here. From this moment, the Red Square will ever be the indestructible symbol of Communism, the amity of the Nations.

The flaming words of Stalin's oath, like thunder, sound over the country:

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to hold high and preserve in all its purity the honor of membership in our Party. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!"

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to guard the unity of our Party like the apple of our eye. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment."

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to preserve and strengthen the Dictatorship of the Proletariat. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall not spare any effort also to fulfill with honor this, your commandment!"

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to use all of our strength for the unity of workers and peasants. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!"

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to strengthen and broaden the union of our Republics. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall honorably fulfill this, your commandment!"

"When leaving us, Comrade Lenin commanded us to be ever true to the principles of the Communist International. We swear to you, Comrade Lenin, we shall not spare our very lives in order to strengthen and broaden the union of the toilers of the entire world—the Communist International!"

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As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

Wanted---Speakers for Jefferson Park

San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Comrade Schneiderman:

May we call to your attention the following facts?

Place . . . Jefferson Park
Date . . . October 17th
Weather . . . Clear
Crowd . . . Good
Speaker . . . NOT PRESENT

Result—Great disappointment in crowd—much disgust at failure to have a speaker present as per obligation.

This is a bare statement of the situation; it does not perhaps show the seriousness of the issue. Which can only be appreciated by considering the background of the affair.

1. Long hard fighting of the 22nd A. D. to win the freedom of speaking in the park.

2. The obligation of the County to fulfill their agreement to furnish speakers for the park meetings. 22nd A. D. to furnish chairman, stand, literature, etc., which is always done.

3. Previous failure of County in this respect and letter sent.

4. Importance of the park meetings at this time of election campaign, Western Worker drive, etc.

5. Demoralizing effect on comrades and sympathizers in park from failure of speakers to appear, after advertisement; speaker's name specifically mentioned.

This letter was composed after heated discussion at Branch meeting.

(Signed) Secretary of 22nd Assembly
Dist. Branch, C. P.

(Note: The questions raised in this letter have been taken up with the County Committee to investigate, and everything possible will be done to correct this situation.)

LETTERS

What Happens When The People Own Industry?

Editor Western Worker:

Flywatters and the sugar daddies appear to have their own way with banks. It's not small merchants and farmers who cause bank failures, but those arrogant millionaires on paper who use bank funds as they please, and when the end comes, as smart money, manage to get their funds before the doors close.

Men of small minds, who call themselves investors, buy stocks recommended by these plunderers, and after receiving dividends for a few years find that their entire principal has evaporated. Then reorganization occurs and the insiders secure another rake-off. This has always been, and always will be, for the supply of suckers is inexhaustible.

Pacific Mutual, Dollar and Admiral Lines, Del Monte Properties through Southern Pacific (as in Fleishhacker's case) means that they have a hand at government money and the little taxpayer gets the bill, for these plutocrats know how to dodge inheritance, income and other taxes.—Skeptic, Santa Barbara.

Japanese Miss Bomber, Destroy House-Boat in Revenge

Editor Western Worker:

What appears to me to be a fine example of the insane viciousness of the Japanese in their war of aggression against China is an incident that occurred while the President Taft was at Shanghai. A Chinese plane made a bombing attack on a small fleet of Japanese destroyers and battleships.

We who watched the attack were amazed at the dare-devil bravery of the lone flyer. He swooped low over the ships, oblivious of the withering anti-aircraft fire. The Japanese gunmen banged away at him, filling the air with shells. He paid absolutely no attention to the barrage, deposited his bombs on them and flew away.

When the plane was out of the firing range the gunners, in a fit of spiteful impotence, turned their guns on a Chinese Sampan. They blew the little houseboat and its occupants into dust.

The war-mad imperialists who are responsible for Guernica, and Shanghai, have scooped their own graves with these shells. They will have to be treated like mad dogs.

Comradely, —A SEAMAN.

An Idea to Raise Money

Editor Western Worker:

My wife is finishing up a crochet table cover (it is white) and will donate it towards a Daily Western Worker. If you wish it, we will send it in, and if you raffle it off, it ought to bring in about \$25, so if you will accept it, we will send it over as soon as completed. The size is 48 by 54 inches, not counting the fringe.

Please let us know as soon as possible and oblige,

—MR. AND MRS. J. A., Oakland.

Sees Improvement in Paper

Editor Western Worker:

I was delighted to find you reported that Italian fascist meeting here.

I'm adding my testimony to the fact that there is a rapid improvement shown in the Western Worker, which promises well for the inauguration of a Daily Western Worker.

Think I'll be able to concentrate on the Financial Drive next week.

Comradely, —R., Santa Barbara.

TO CALIFORNIA SOCIALISTS

Comrades and Friends:

Six months ago, and a year ago, we appealed to the rank and file of the Socialist Party and its sympathizers to work with the Communist Party on a program of unity of action in the labor and progressive movements of California. We asked for joint activity against vigilantism and the suppression of civil liberties by the open-shop reactionary employers. We appealed for support of the Spanish people's fight against fascism. We urged that Socialists, and Communists together should work for the development of independent political action by labor, leading to the eventual building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

But we also warned our Socialist comrades of a disturbing factor in the situation. We told them, from our own experience, that the entrance of Trotskyites into their party would disrupt and eventually wreck the party, and would prevent any united front action. Now that has come to pass.

Unfair Accusation

We have been accused of wanting to wreck and destroy the Socialist Party, because of our criticism. If this accusation were correct, we would have been happy to see the Trotskyite dis-

rupters enter the Socialist Party, because we knew it would wreck the Party. If the accusation were correct, we would be glad now to see the destructive effects of the Trotskyites seizing control of the California state organization, driving out most of the sincere Socialists, and splitting the S. P. into a maze of quarreling factions.

But we are NOT happy to see that our predictions have proven correct. We would rather see the Socialist Party take its place as a constructive, progressive force in the labor and political movement of California. We would rather have a united front of Socialists and Communists on a common program. And that is why we hail the fact that sincere Socialists have come to this conclusion of their own accord and from their own experience: that the Trotskyite disrupters must be driven out, if the Socialist Party is to be saved.

Progressive Step

The expulsion of the Trotskyites by the New York Socialist Party is a step in the right direction. The action of the National Executive Committee of the S. P., in suspending the California state organization and re-organizing it, will only be effective if it weeds out those disruptive elements who have plotted to create a national split

in the Party, and places it back in the hands of the Socialist rank and file.

Socialists who have become disgusted with the wrecking work of the Trotskyite clique that has control of the State organization, members who have dropped out in despair, should support the action of their National Executive Committee. They must see to it that the branches and the State organization is cleansed of the Trotskyite wreckers, and that control of the party is placed back in the hands of the members.

We renew our offer of unity and joint action with the Socialists. There are many issues on which such a united front is necessary: Spain and China, civil liberties, organizing the unorganized, building the CIO, fighting for labor unity, and many others. The Socialist rank and file must answer the question whether they will stand by and see their party entirely destroyed by the disrupters, who have so badly discredited it, or whether they will take decisive steps to clean them out and re-build a Socialist Party that can take its place in the front ranks of the labor and progressive movement of California.

CALIFORNIA STATE COMMITTEE,
COMMUNIST PARTY,
U. S. A.

FRENCH FLEET CIRCLES SPAIN

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gates and had immediately been denounced by the Soviet press as a deliberate evasion, giving the Italians time to continue its invasion while tying the hands of any supporters of the Loyalists.

Pravda and Izvestia printed dispatches which said that "Mussolini, in no way tied down, will have as formerly the possibility of sending to General Franco's assistance troops and arms without hindrance."

The warning was immediately borne out in the increased Italian activity in Spain, with 300 Caproni bombers mobilized in the Biscay province to carry out a "Guernica" massacre of civil-

ians after the capture of Loyalist Gijon.

Soviet Proposal

It was borne out in the new "pirate attacks" which included bombing and sinking the French steamer Oued Mellah Sunday near the Balearic Islands, the attack on the air mail base in the Minorca Islands and attempt by a Spanish "insurgent" vessel to capture the French freighter Prisma.

The Soviet delegates, denouncing the British program under which the Italian fascists have increased rather than decreased their activities, demanded that a 7-to-1 proportion be established as the basis for troop withdrawals from Spain.

Ivan Maisky, Soviet delegate, declared that his government

has "absolute knowledge" that General Francisco Franco's foreign troops number 100,000 men, while the Loyalists have only 10,000 or 12,000 foreign anti-fascist volunteers.

Ambassador Dino Grandi of Italy renounced even the terms of the British proposal which he had formerly accepted and under which Italy gained every advantage. He announced flatly that Italy would not agree to be bound by the census of foreign combatants which would be reported by a proposed neutral military mission to Spain.

Persistent rumors in the wake of the British aid to Mussolini said that the Tory government had decided to bank definitely on a Franco victory, molding its foreign policy on that basis.

SEEING RED

with MIKE QUINN

MY GRANDFATHER was sitting on the front porch one day smoking his pipe when the newsboy came by and socked him in the face with the daily paper. It was all rolled up in a hard knot so the boy could hurl it at the front door as he rode by on his bicycle.

Up leapt my grandfather and roared like a lion. His drowsy complacency disappeared in a flash. Instead, there was a man aroused to the dangers and injustices of life, churning the air with his fists and screaming indignation. The impact of a single newspaper, as if by magic, had transformed a drowsy old man into an explosion of energy and action.

That was my first glimpse of real journalism. And it is seldom since that I have seen an editor achieve such results as that meteor-like newsboy.

Apathy; a dulled sense of reality; tired, rut-flowing minds that scarcely distinguish between what they read in the papers and what they see in the movies; an illusion of detachment; a weary sense of fatality that accepts life as an inexplicable scenario written by God Almighty, directed by Wall Street, and in which the ordinary man is a lost and unimportant extra.

Journalism's Blanket of Fog

That is the blanket of fog through which the modern journalist must cleave.

In the course of a narmol symphony concert, you can beat on the drums, whip the violins to a higher pitch, and rouse the least interested listener out of his slumber. But the newspaper symphony has been beating on its drums and giving it all its got for so many years that almost unbelievable catastrophes have become commonplace.

And nobody believes what they read in the daily papers anyway. The American public long ago closed the doors and windows of its mind to the commercial press. At one time they took what they read in the papers with a grain of salt. Today they pickle it in brine.

Moon Mullins sells the S. F. Chronicle, not Chester Rowell. Barney Google carries the burden of the S. F. Examiner, dragging Hearst's editorials as a dead weight behind him.

Unable to gain entrance to the public mind through the door, they are trying to climb in through the sewer. Hideous sex crimes force every other consideration into the background. At the least rumor of a rape, editors clear their front pages and send batteries of photographers rushing to the scene like peeping toms.

Sex-Crime Factories

Look at the magazine racks. Good heavens above! Raped, stripped and murdered; photographed, painted and drawn; buxom, half-draped figures being whipped, attacked, kidnapped and strangled. There's where your sex-crimes are manufactured. Lurid pictures like these dangled in front of thousands of men beguiled with sex-starvation.

Lord knows I'm not a prude. But when it comes to fiends raping girls and strangling children, I draw the line. The commercial press doesn't.

The state of apathy has almost reached the stage where you could carry a human head on the end of a stick the length of Market street and not excite any attention. We need that newsboy who socked my grandfather in the face. If anyone knows his whereabouts, tell him to report to the Western Worker. That's the kind of journalism we need.

The newly developing people's press in America is inheriting this fog bank of apathy from the rapidly foundering commercial press. Our task is not merely to inform, but to find means of making people realize the news.

The whole technique of the commercial press is to make the "ordinary man" feel that he is an impotent, unimportant extra in the scenario of life. We've got to make him realize that he is important, all powerful, and that he can write his own scenario—and we've got to tell him how to do it. We've got to show him that he doesn't have to drag an unsatisfactory life through a series of misfortunes. We've got to deliver our subjects like that newsboy delivered his paper.

BEHIND the SCREEN

with DON BLACKWELL

HOLLYWOOD bosses are aghast. Something incredible has happened to their profitable charges. Starting as this discovery is to the producers, what alarms them even more is the fact that these supposedly pampered creatures have actually demonstrated the mental ability to put two and two together and get four.

Their formation of unions, their opposition to the gangster-controlled IATSE, their efforts in defense of Spanish democracy, their ostracizing of Vittorio "War-Is-Sport" Mussolini and their fight for real trade unionism have the company heads (quickly recovered from their amazement) already engaged in the attempt to wreck the unions and casting about for ways effectively to muzzle outspoken adherents for any liberal cause.

THE OPENING gun in this attempt to infringe on the rights to freedom of speech came Thursday, October 14, when the Hollywood Reporter (the bosses' mouthpiece) headlined a story, "Curb on Player 'isms'." With New York mentioned as its source, but without a date, the article stated: "Following urgent requests from the foreign departments, major companies will take action soon to prevent players from taking part in political movements, and lending use of their names to campaigns on which national and international opinion is sharply divided."

Are Film Workers Capitalists?

Incidentally, the "home office official" who was quoted in the Reporter article as saying that "the players are under contract to us and as such must obey us," should really be asked by counsel for the Screen Writers Guild to make this statement at the Labor Relations Board hearing. The producers and the Screen Playwrights have employed a total of 14 lawyers at a cost of \$11,000 per day to prove just the opposite. In other words, while such must "obey" the producers as the home office official readily admits, for the purpose of evading their obligation to labor under the Wagner law, they are trying to prove that the workers are capitalists!

THE ATTACK of the producers who front for the bankers, Chase National, Atlas, etc., is decidedly not being limited to political suppression, however. There are increasing signs of anti-semitism and a vicious tendency to squeeze out more profits by firing small salaried employees, as demonstrated by Universal's wholesale discharge of more than a 100 office people and forcing \$25.00-a-week stenographers to take a day off a week without pay.

Now, when Adolph Zukor, Paramount head, gets into Hollywood from New York, he will bear instructions from his board of directors to cut salaries \$100,000! Thus the office workers, who have recently been forced into so-called independent unions, to forestall organization by the CIO, will get their most convincing demonstration of the "benefits" of company unionism.

Scandalous Career of a Hungry Man

By DONALD COLFAX

HIS NAME was Hibbs and he was very shabbily dressed and he first attracted public notice by violating Ordinance 111-1, Chapter 2, Section 3, Paragraph 1. He stopped a well-dressed man on a busy corner and said, "I'm hungry." When the well-dressed man advised him to get a job and go to work he burst into tears and fled down a side street.

The police immediately set a drag-net, combed the city for the shabby man, but Hibbs was not seen again until his sudden and dramatic appearance before the City Council.

The city hall was a massive granite building with a glassed dome. Hibbs flitted through the entrance and found himself in a long room resembling a corridor in a castle, with a marble-topped counter seventy-six feet long. Behind the counter stood two clerks, busily working on a huge ledger full of accounts and figures. One clerk wrote a line in this ledger and handed it to his neighbor, who carefully erased the line and passed the book back. The first clerk indignantly wrote in another line and returned it to the other, who meticulously erased the new figures and passed the ledger back again. The first clerk then wrote over the erasure and the second clerk erased that, too. Getting the ledger once more the first clerk wrote something else which the other promptly erased.

Hibbs passed through this busy mill quite unnoticed and entered the council chamber where twelve city councilmen and the mayor were accustomed to sit down at nine every morning and wait until megaphones were served. With the megaphones they proceeded to the order of business, shouting the most impressive things at each other in that vast and vacant room, while the men at the press table took shorthand notes of all that was said.

At the end of the day an office boy would wheel in the great ledger from the clerks' counter, the councilmen would sign their names in it, the mayor or erased everything, and so they all went home.

WHEN Hibbs appeared before the council the chamber was as noisy as the inside of a drum. They had disagreed, six to six, on one of the orders of business and a furious debate was under way.

Hibbs removed his broken-brimmed hat and waited nervously to be noticed.

The deafening uproar in this place came not only from the politicians but also from the peculiar echoes which tossed between the walls and rose into the glassed dome overhead like a bubbling spring of sound.

A councilman was speaking. "This lady is an eminent sculptress and is well fitted for the job," he belloved.

"This lady is a whee-whee wheel" whinnied an echo.

"Yeah, you mean that blonde of yours on Telephone Hill," interposed another councilman.

"That dame is good. She did a butter model of me in the nude."

"Gentlemen, gentlemen!" The mayor rapped them to order.

"That dame is good . . . gentlemen, gentlemen," echo repeated.

Suddenly his honor noticed Hibbs. "What are you doing here?" he thundered.

"What are you doing here?" called a deep echo from the south wall. Hibbs dropped his hat.

"What are you doing here?" cried a stern, baritone echo from the north wall. Hibbs hunched into his shoulders, looked appealingly at the twelve frowning councilmen.

"What are you doing here?" cried a silly soprano echo from high under the dome.

"What're you umble, umble, umble—" grumbled a rumbling bass echo from the southwest corner.

The astonished councilmen gave a loud snort. "Hump!" Hibbs' presence was against the peace and dignity and contrary to seven statutes and three city ordinances. Craning their plump necks they peered beyond this ragged, patchwork scarecrow to make sure there were no more like him. "Hump!" they snorted again.

"Hump!" growled an impudent echo.

"Hump!" said a spiraling tenor echo.

"Umble!" called a deep bass echo.

Hibbs stooped stiffly and retrieved his hat, stood turning it in his hands. "I'm hungry," he said.

A sympathetic echo from a dark corner began, "I'm hun—" but the deep bass drowned it out.

"What are you umble, umble, umble, grumble!" The silly soprano echo went whirling under the dome, an invisible, titling voice which cried again and again, "What are you doing hereeeeere!"

With great presence of mind Hibbs snatched up his megaphone and screamed, "POLICE! POLICE! Police!"

The twelve councilmen screamed through their megaphones, "POLICE! POLICE! Police!"

And the echoes went mad. They rolled, shrieked, screamed, yelled, muttered, belloved, thundered; bubbled in the corners, bounced from the walls, whirled under the dome—that one fearful cry—

"POLICE!"

Hibbs burst into tears, pulled on his hat and ran.

HE MANAGED to elude the police long enough to enter the bank, a massive granite building with frosted plate glass windows.

Over the entrance was a gold leaf sign bearing the one word: "Silence." Within the marbled hallway soft lights struck indirectly at the sky blue ceiling, casting a restful artificial twilight. Here stood an individual in a deep blue uniform and rubber-soled shoes who carried a machine gun with a chromium plated silencer. A door mat bore the words in gilt paint: "Quiet, Please!"

Unhappily enough, the attendant was facing the wrong way when Hibbs entered on his mad errand and passed, with scarcely a flutter of his rags, into a vast, vaulted chamber with a felt rug, six inches thick, on the floor.

In the exact center of this room stood a polished mahogany desk with thirteen unholstered, teakwood chairs. On the desk were thirteen ash trays and thirteen boxes of cigars besides thirteen rows of ivory push buttons. Thirteen blonde secretaries stood at intervals about the walls, as motionless as the furniture.

Each girl had a stenographer's notebook in her hand, a pencil in her hand and was nicely wrapped in cellophane. Whenever one had to leave her post she went on tip toe with a finger on her lips. The very flies that flew in that sanctum were of a breed that didn't buzz.

On the mahogany desk rested a white marble name plate on which was engraved the one word: "Hush!"

On the hour of ten every morning the thirteen financiers of the city entered this room and attended to their affairs until three. Each one exactly like the other, they came in on rubber-soled shoes, gave their hats and canes to the noiseless secretaries and proceeded to the desk.

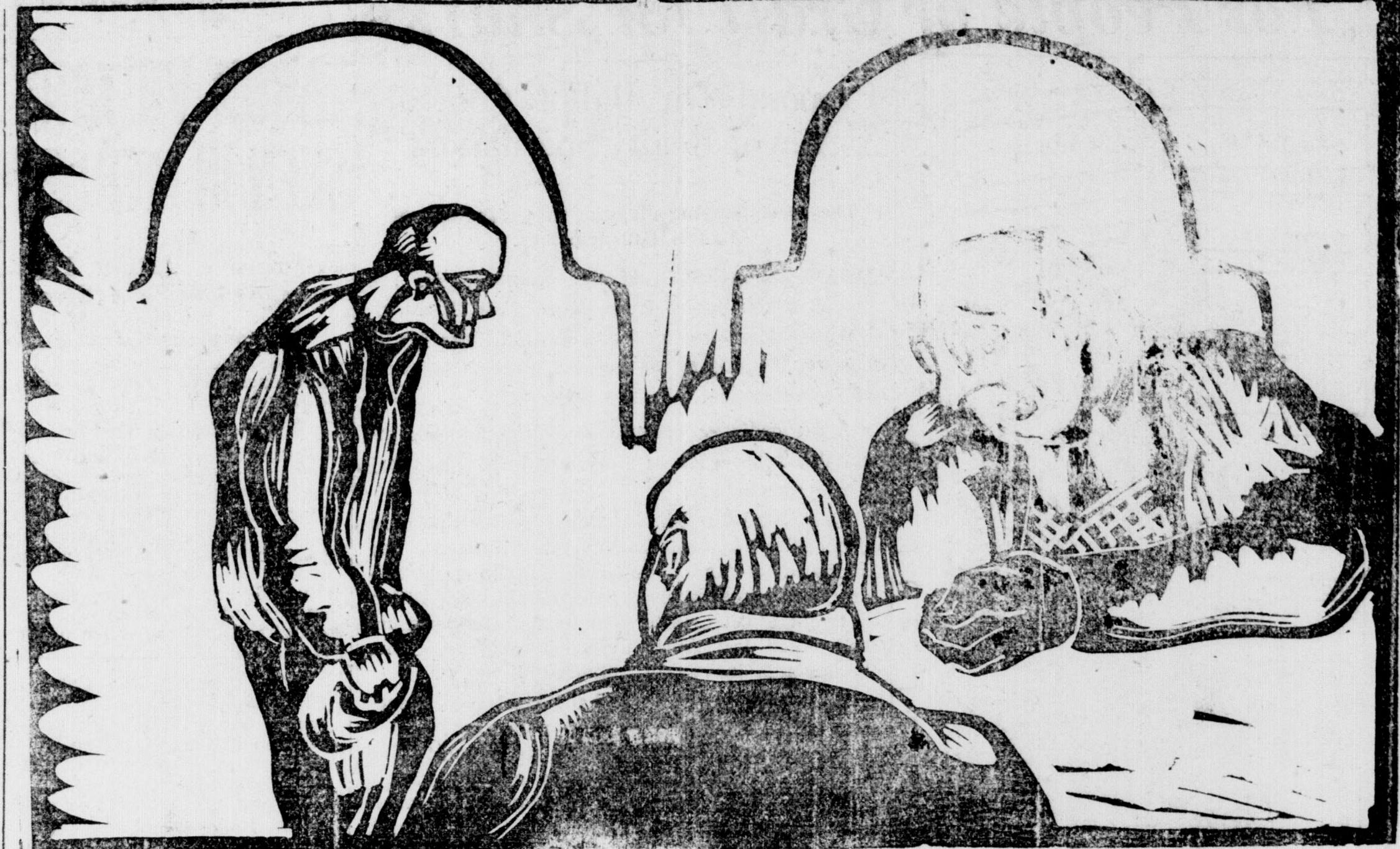
They worked with the push buttons, each man quietly intent on his job: push, push, push. With the punch of a button price went up, another button and rent went up, a third button interest rate, a fourth, foreclosed a mortgage. At three o'clock they would all rise, take their hats, their canes and their secretaries and go home.

NEVER once was this routine interrupted or interfered with—until Hibbs sank his leaky shoes into the nap of their rich carpet, confronted them, hat in hand. Quite unmolested he stood, shaking with awe in his paper-thin clothes, working up his courage to break the solemn silence.

At last he said, "I'm hungry." The vibrations of his tremulous voice jarred a little dust from the handsome carved rafters, high up under the lofty and log or set fire to mines and try to get decent men belonging to the unions to do these very things, for the purpose of creating jobs for the spies' particular organization.

The testimony of the company officials and the detective is so brutal that some of it hits you right in the face. And yet here it is, sometimes mumbled, sometimes told with amazing frankness.

Miss Calkins and Dr. Huberman have rendered labor an invaluable service in these two exposes of methods of the employers. Every worker should read and be forewarned. The strength of organized labor will have enough testing without that of corruption within.



nothing could ever disturb them. The miserable Hibbs was left, a lone and dreary spectacle of tatters in a velvet and teakwood temple of business. With tears trickling through his stubble beard he shuffled out the door and into the arms of a squad of police officers.

THE court room in the hall of justice was as immense and desolate as the devil's reception room. Its east wall was pierced by a series of arched windows. Its west wall was covered with blue velvet drapes hanging in folds. Before this velvet background stood thirteen bars of justice in a row, the center bench being occupied by the chief magistrate, with twelve black-robed judges squatted solemnly at their places six on either side of him.

Hibbs was brought before the chief magistrate himself. Since he was such a dangerous character, an officer kept a firm grip on his greasy coat collar.

His honor pursed his lips sternly. "Are you guilty or not guilty?"

But Hibbs didn't seem to hear. He just looked dreamy and vacant, as if he might be somewhere else and would get back to the court room after while.

"Well!" The judge banged his gavel impatiently. "Are you guilty or not guilty? Plead, one way or another."

The sound of the gavel seemed to rouse the man somewhat. He removed his hat, in the manner of an absent-minded silk worm emerging from its cocoon. "If it pleases the court," he said, "I'm hungry."

His honor was nonplussed. In his forty years at the bar, he had never heard such a plea. It was without precedent. Furthermore, the prisoner did not follow the custom of hanging his head in shame. One would think he never heard of shame—or anything else, he looked so empty and absent. He behaved more like a man in a dream than a prisoner at the bar.

"Collect yourself, sir!" the court warned this wraithlike defendant, "or you will be cited for contempt."

With a flip of his robes his honor half rose and gave Hibbs an admonishing smack on the head with his gavel. The results were unexpected. The prisoner collapsed like a folding cup and lay on the floor, unconscious and uninterested. Efforts to revive Hibbs merely indicated he would take some time to accomplish a return to normal. Having no time to waste, the busy judge called the janitor, who swept up the defendant, hauled him to a trap door at the end of the room and dropped him down a chute.

What happened to him after that no one knows, for Hibbs never came back up the chute to say what was at the end of it.

How Scientist Fared with Workers and Peasants

The farther the Soviet film goes afield in its exploration of the Revolution of 1917, the richer it becomes, producing such brilliant films that the art of cinema is given a new meaning. The latest of this cycle of films to come from across the sea is "Baltic Deputy," now playing at the Clay Theater in San Francisco.

In its early days, the Soviet film tried to portray the revolution in its entirety, to register one swift and sweeping glance at it, and it produced films like "The Fall of St. Petersburg" and "Ten Days That Shook the World" whose power was contained in their broad generalization.

Recent Trend

In recent years, there has been a trend to the specific, an effort to register the reactions and activities of individual people, representing definite sections of society, in the revolution. "Baltic Deputy" is such a film. It poses an interesting problem: How did the revolution affect the life and experience of a 75 year old scientist whose whole life has been devoted to the advancement to science, who has won the highest awards and recognition in the world of science?

The answer is written in such a rich and human manner that it more than measures up to the question. The story is based on the life of a real person, Professor Timirязev who in the film is renamed Professor Polezhayev.

He is a man of science whose sympathies are with the people, with the Bolsheviks. Unfortunately, in those early days of the revolution he was with the leagues and pupils were with the opposite camp. Shall he break with all his old associates and cast his lot with the people? Polezhayev chooses to do the latter and therein lies the universal drama of the story whose telling is a marvel of simplicity.

Does he lose or gain in such a bargain? Here, too, the answer is given so convincingly that you leave the theatre with no doubts in your mind.

In an early sequence of the picture, a Bolshevik sailor, not knowing who Polezhayev is, carelessly brushes his manuscript, the summation of his life's work, onto the floor. Vorobiev, Polezhayev's chosen pupil, kneels to the floor with reverence to

gather up the scattered pages of the manuscript. In a late sequence, the same Vorobiev, incensed at his master's Bolshevik sympathies, demonstratively scatters the manuscript's pages on the floor, and this time it is the "ignorant" sailor who kneels with reverence and tenderness to gather them up.

Story's Main Thread

Between those two scenes, lies the main thread of story which hits high spot after high spot. Those that impressed me most were the scenes where Polezhayev lectures on plant physiology to the sailors of the Baltic Fleet in their quarters aboard ship; the scene where he receives a telephone call from Lenin greeting him on his birthday and inquiring about his work and personal comfort; and finally, the climactic scene where he addresses a meeting of the Soviets to which he had been elected a deputy by the Baltic sailors.

Bourgeois intellectuals have long mocked the ignorance of the people in matters of science and culture. But here in the film, as in the actual process of the Russian Revolution, and the present display such genuine love for men of knowledge who are with them, such a thirst for knowledge, that all academic awards of the bourgeois world are empty in comparison. And this holds true for the sailors of the Baltic Fleet to Lenin, the leader of the Soviet state.

Powerful Effects

If you can appreciate suspense which is not generated by galloping horses across the screen, brass band music at a fast tempo, and constant flashes from the heroine to the villain to the hero who invariably heads the galloping horses, then there is plenty of dramatic suspense in "Baltic Deputy."

You will be surprised how interested you can become in whether the university printing presses will be used to print the professor's book or agitational leaflets, whether the book will be destroyed by his Menshevik pupil or will be rescued by the Bolsheviks. The suspense is not created by artifice, but flows from the unfolding of the story.

As is usual with Soviet films, the acting is perfection. In its entirety, "Baltic Deputy" is an other triumph for the Soviet cinema, and in my opinion, when Soviet films are good, they just can't be beat.—A.R.

THAT DAILY PAPER

Echo
From the Enemy
What Now Schrier?
Coffin Corner

"AHA!" For weeks we have been vigilantly watching for comment on our coming Daily Western Worker from the camp of the enemy. Here's the first item we found. It is taken from the "ASSOCIATED FARMERS' OF CALIFORNIA BULLETIN" of September 15th:

"Western Worker." Communist newspaper published semi-weekly in San Francisco, is soon to begin issuing daily. It is also announced that the Communist daily is to be established at Chicago. In addition, there is the Daily Worker published at New York and 300 or more Communist weeklies and magazines published in the United States, and literally thousands of pamphlets. THERE IS NO DOUBT THE RED PERIL IS INCREASING IN THIS COUNTRY. (Our emphasis.)

This is a swell sheet. It demands that workers be thrown off relief in the cities to force them into the fields at whatever wages the big landowners wish to pay; it supports the new and vicious Anti-Picketing Law, before the voters of San Francisco in November; it attacks the Maritime Unions and the CIO; it hints that the recent Soviet flights to this country were made to pave the way for war against the United States . . . (No, they're not really that ignorant, but they HOPE their readers are . . .); it attacks the Labor Relations Acts, labor unions in Russia, the People's Front, Earl Browder and the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee.

DID WE SAY IT WAS A SWELL SHEET? Sure, it would be swell to have every Party member, sympathizer, every honest trade unionist, every agricultural worker, every liberal and progressive person in the state read this sheet just once. IT'D MAKE EVERYONE SO HOT UNDER THE COLLAR WE COULD START TWO DAILY WESTERN WORKERS ON JANUARY 1st!

Challenger?

Take a look at this fellow. His name is I. SHRIER and he hails from Los Angeles. Why do we put his picture in the paper?



I. SHRIER

Because he is one of the few press builders in the state capable of giving Champion JERRY FEINGOLD a run for his money, in the Financial Drive for a Daily Western Worker.

He was runner up to JERRY in the Sub Drive, coming through with 52 subs after a late start. So far, we don't know what he's done in the \$35,000 drive.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY! WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PRODUCE A CHALLENGER FOR THE "PRIDE OF SAN FRANCISCO," "GENTLEMAN JERRY" FEINGOLD?

SAN BERNARDINO breaks into print this issue with a chunk amounting to \$53.00 which brings them up to 31.0 per cent of quota.

Coffin Corner

to the tune of slow and direful music, CONTRA COSTA, SAN DIEGO and EUREKA Counties are hereby buried with solemn honors in "THAT DAILY PAPER'S GRAVEYARD." An elaborate tombstone had been tastefully inscribed for SAN BERNARDINO, but the BURDOVIANS kicked off the coffin lid at the last minute as mentioned in the above paragraph.

THESE COUNTIES HAVE FALLEN BELOW 10 PER CENT of their quotas.

Next week THAT DAILY PAPER will call the roll of the counties and all those below 15 per cent will duly be interred here in COFFIN CORNER.

WHOOOOOO

LOOK OUT, LITTLE COUNTRIES, OR COFFIN CORNER'LL GIT YOU!

Spartans Masquerade
SAN FRANCISCO—On Halloween Eve October 30th, the "Spartans," I. W. O. youth of this city, will put on a "bewitching" entertainment for all who come to the Colonial Club, 847 Fillmore Street.

CIO ACTIVITY WINS RAISE FOR PICKERS

Finance Companies Forced
To Advise Farmers to
Pay \$1 Scale

SAN FRANCISCO—CIO activity in San Joaquin Valley has won a general wage increase of 10 cents a hundred pounds for cotton pickers. A month ago picking began at 90 cents a hundred, at least half the growers now pay \$1, with the others falling rapidly into line, announced the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing & Allied Workers of America.

Finance companies, who advance total crop costs to 90 percent of the farmers, refused to allow over 90 cents per hundred, but some farmers did meet the union scale.

Under union guidance, pickers promptly quit 90 cent jobs for \$1 jobs. Soon, after urgent demands by farmers, the companies grudgingly advanced the \$1 rate to a few farmers. This week, however, the companies capitulated by advising farmers to meet the \$1 demand.

A completely unexpected shortage of pickers hastened the increase. Earlier thousands of impoverished dust bowlers streamed into the Valley, so the cotton growers' conference in Fresno in September voted to pay 90 cents, 10 cents less than last year, despite the fact cotton acreage this year is 25 per cent over 1936.

Unexpectedly, dust bowlers began returning to the mid-west drawn by reports of good crops. One stage depot in a small town registered 352 tickets to Oklahoma in one week. Also farmers learned experienced pickers would not work at 90 cents.

Most farmers receive a bonus of up to \$5 a bale for all cotton delivered before rain hits the crop. When it became apparent bonuses would be lost with more pickers, several farmers offered \$1. At first "non-conformists" were intimidated into again reducing wages but the "epidemic" spread too rapidly for control.

Farmers who originally paid \$1 have now lost their advantage. \$1.10 offers are appearing. To a considerable degree, the CIO agricultural union is responsible for the wage increase. When farmers offered \$1, union organizers arranged to supply full picking crews. The news spread rapidly among workers, and scores of walkouts occurred as pickers demanded \$1. Frequently the demand was met. When it wasn't, the pickers walked out even though forced temporarily to work in another field at 90 cents.

Soon second picking will begin. Union members demand \$1.25 a hundred, a slight increase because pickers will average less poundage.

Successes in cotton tremendously increased the prestige of the UCAFAWA, which is growing rapidly.

LABOR UNITY TALKS OPEN

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laid down procedure for the discussion.

Scheduled to be discussed was the four-point program of the CIO, which is:

1. That the AFL agree to a joint union conference composed of large delegations (50 or 100) from each side to analyze all issues which have split the labor movement.

2. That the AFL agree to endorse industrial unionism and promulgate organization drives along these lines in the mass production industries.

3. That the AFL guarantee not to partition the CIO into a series of craft unions but allow it to return intact to the re-unioned labor movement.

4. That, in return, the CIO will rejoin the AFL and not raise any strong objections to President William Green's continuance in office.

After the first day's session, Philip Murray, spokesman for the 10-man CIO delegation and head of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, stated: "This is not a temporary conference. It will take up the main questions in dispute tomorrow morning."

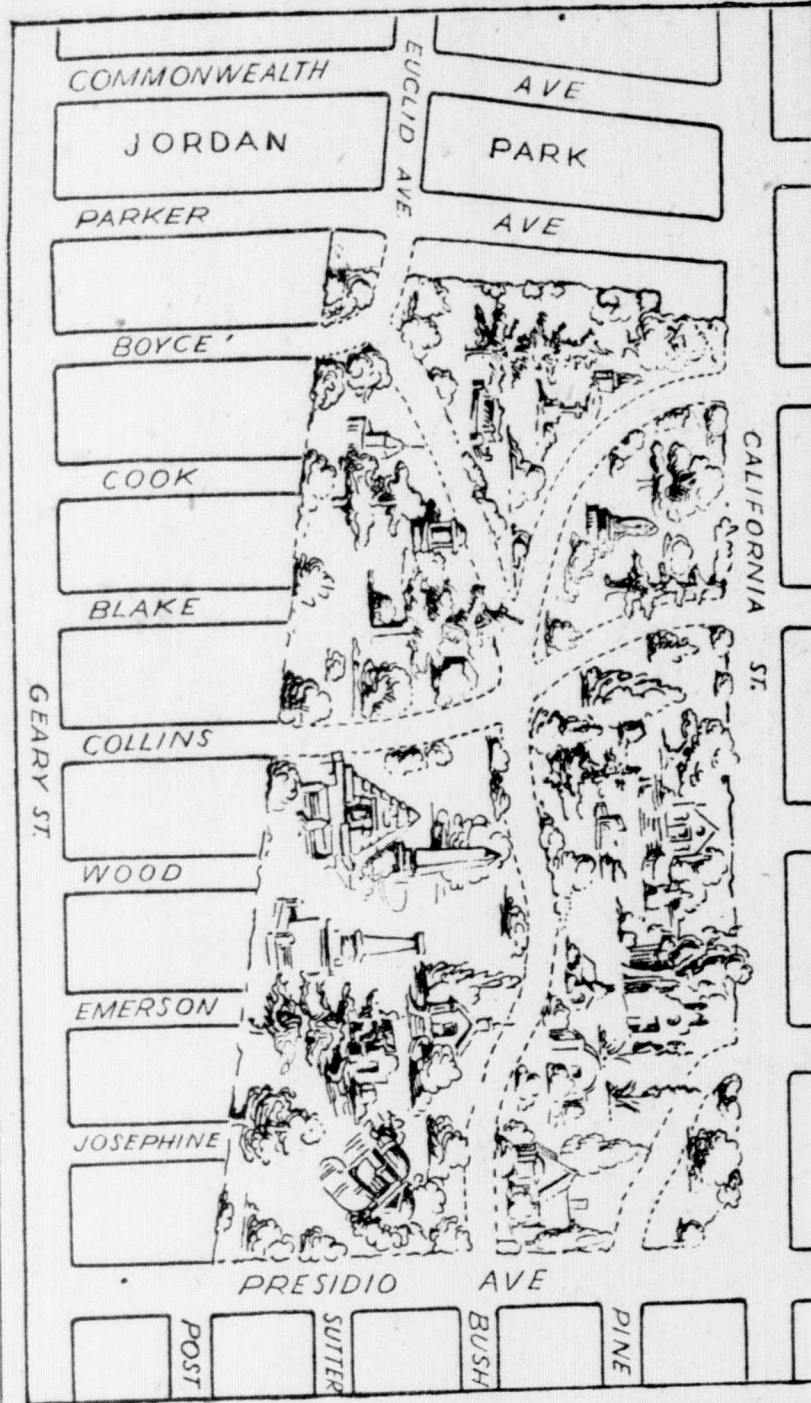
George M. Harrison, chairman of the three-man AFL delegation and president of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, said: "This is a full-fledged conference and will attempt to negotiate a final settlement."

In addition to Murray, the CIO delegation includes Sidney Hillman, David Dubinsky, Harvey Fireman, James B. Carey, Sherman H. Dairymple, Homer Martin, Michael Quill, Joseph Curran and Abram Flaxer.

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Laurel Hill Issue Is Park For People or Graft for Sharks



Proposal On Ballot Conceals Aim of Realty Speculators

The accompanying diagram shows the site of Laurel Hill cemetery.

SAN FRANCISCO—If the ordinance for removal of the bodies from Laurel Hill Cemetery is voted down, the entire tract of 54 acres will be offered gratis to the city for a memorial park and play ground.

If the ordinance is approved, it will mean inevitable subdivision at a profitable figure for real estate speculators.

This is the alternative offered to the voters on Proposition No. 5 of the November 2 ballot. The signatures of more than 50,000 San Francisco voters were responsible for putting the proposition before the voters after the board of supervisors had voted last April to order removal of the bodies and, inevitably, subdivision.

A written promise of the Laurel Hill Cemetery Association is the voters' assurance that the tract will be given to the city for a park. The Association's proposal calls for opening streets and eliminating the traffic obstruction. A small part of the tract would be kept as a memorial, retaining the monuments of pioneers famed in the city's earlier history. The largest part would become a regular park and playground.

Alameda Party Pushes Drive for Funds, Members

Building Trades Unit Tops All Others in
Progress Toward November 5 Goal

Mr. A. L. Kennedy of the Industrial Department of the Oakland Chambers of Commerce attributes the efficiency of production per man-hour to climate. He says that Labor in Oakland has reached as much as 15 per cent greater efficiency than labor in the East.

Judging by the records of our Party in San Francisco and Los Angeles, in the Western Worker Drive and Recruiting, the political climate must have, at least recently, been more stimulating than in Oakland and the Alameda county cities.

But something is happening in our East Bay Metropolitan area—we're increasing our speed after a slow start; and if this continues we can prove that the "climate" is indeed good—or better—for politically productive purposes in our county.

Where Do We Stand?
In 1936 we raised \$350 for the Western early in 1937—\$950.00, almost three times more.

Now we are raising \$3000.00 at least, for our Daily Western. We have already turned in \$1000—raised in seven weeks. But 40 per cent of the drive time has passed and only one-third of our quota raised.

At our enlarged county committee meeting on Oct. 12th we decided to raise 60 per cent of the fund by November 7th (if less than that percentage of time). Early in September we voted to have a dues paying membership of 450 by November 7th and to recruit 150 new members by that time.

Present Status
Last January we registered 320 members; in the next six months recruited 215 (an average of 36 per month). Yet our mid-year registration gave us only 330 members. The average dues payment for the first six months was 270, for the next three months, 278. The fact that some 50 members, especially miners, left town and were transferred is only a secondary factor. In September we recruited 49 new members, but two "Party Builders" only, were responsible for most of these—comrades from Cannery and Building Trades Units. In July and August we averaged 40 per month. For the first three weeks in October we recruited 37, and 390 dues stamps have been sold.

This means that there are behind two, three and four months in their dues—as reported at the membership meetings last week. A number of our branches and industrial units must sell 50 and 100 dues stamps each—THIS MONTH—in order to get every member in good standing.

We must recruit 65 more new members by Nov. 7th.

Alameda Mass Meeting
OAKLAND—The East Bay International Labor Defense is sponsoring a mass meeting at which all of the Criminal Syndicalism Prisoners will speak. The meeting will be held Oct. 31st at 8 p. m., in Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland.

This meeting will mark the renewal of activity in the East Bay, to repeal the anti-labor Criminal Syndicalism Law.

San Bernardino

Celebrate
20th Anniversary of the
Russian Revolution
and
Welcome Home
PAT CHAMBERS
Who will speak with
Caroline Decker
Nov. 8th, Mon., 8 p. m.
Lincoln Hall, 925 Third St.
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COPS CRUSH YOUTH'S SKULL

Citizens in Drastic Action
To Stop Whitewash

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been victims of brutality practiced by police at the Lincoln Heights Jail.

Appointment of a committee similar to that formed by Mayor or La Guardia was also asked of Mayor Shaw. Two names were proposed to head the committee: Judge Lester Rolfe and Judge Isaac Pachet.

Late Friday afternoon, official announcement from the Mayor's office stated that:

"No decision will be made by the Mayor for probably two or three days. It will be necessary for him to have a report from the Police Commission as to the result of its investigation before he makes any decision."

Probabilities of an organized protest campaign to be directed against police brutality were seen when Borough called for cooperation of all progressive and liberal organizations to take action for an investigation into the beating of Mahoney.

Full support to any move against police beatings was given by the American League Against War and Fascism.

Sadists Among Cops
At the Police Commissioner hearing, Wirin made a strong plea for adequate police protection for Sweetman.

"Special police protection," said Wirin, emphasizing the word "special." "Not the kind of police protection that young Mahoney got."

Blame for police beatings of drunk prisoners was laid to "sadists" by Mahoney. "I do not make a blanket indictment of all the police officers in Los Angeles," he said. "But I do know that somewhere among them in that Lincoln Heights Jail or sadists who are practicing their perversion on those helpless ones who fall in to their hands."

Sac'to Celebration
SACRAMENTO—This city is holding the Anniversary Celebration of the Soviet Union on Nov. 7th, with the C. S. prisoners as the main speakers. The meeting will be held in the Forrester's Hall, 716 Eye St.

San Francisco

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LABOR VICTORY SEEN IN MERGER

Progressive Action Prospects Bright Says Oliver

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by organization of the Legislative Conference, now the Non-Partisan League.

Victories in East

Oliver was aware of and interested in the recent conference of progressive forces called by the "Committee of 100" in Fresno, which he said was "not at all inconsistent with the program of Labor's Non-Partisan League."

But Oliver's trip across the nation has put him directly in contact with Labor and farm organizations going into politics with a real energy. Primary victories in Detroit, Akron, Canton, Cleveland and other cities are only part of the indications which in his opinion "have borne out completely the plan of organizing of the League."

He was in Detroit during the primary victory and believes that Labor will elect a mayor. Most of the automobile plants were closed during the primary campaign and workers in Detroit generally leave town at that time, he said. Now they are running full blast.

Main National Interest
Oliver will now go to Seattle, then to Portland, and return to San Francisco this week. After that, two weeks of conferences with political and labor leaders in Los Angeles. But he will have cut his tour shorter than he expected because of the coming special session of congress.

"Our main effort there," he said, "will be on behalf of the wages and hours bill and for an adequate farm bill."

"We have taken a definite stand in support of farmers' objectives. We have found that the main problem so far as legislation is concerned, is to get a bill written to answer the needs of the farmers themselves rather than of the 'experts'."

Oliver disclosed that the League now has organization in every state, with organizations of permanent status in 30 of them. Indiana preceded California in getting permanent organization. Maryland is expected to follow within two weeks.

Seven Counties Half-way In Daily Western Drive

County	Quota	Raised	Per Cent
San Mateo	250	\$250.70	100.0
Santa Clara	250	159.55	64.0
Merced	150	90.00	60.0
Sonoma	300	173.15	57.7
Tulare	100	52.50	52.5
Monterey	300	154.58	51.3
San Francisco	7500	3750.00	50.0
Los Angeles	12500	4831.06	38.6
Alameda	3000	1115.47	37.1
San Bernardino	250	78.00	31.2
Sacramento	500	150.95	30.2
Stockton	100	30.00	30.0
Santa Barbara	500	140.33	28.0
Bakersfield	150	32.00	21.3
Fresno	150	30.00	20.0
Fort Bragg	200	38.00	19.0
San Diego	1000	188.58	18.8
Utah	250	35.00	14.0
Contra Costa	250	29.80	12.0
Eureka	250	23.10	9.2
Misc. Calif.	2450	17.00	0.6
Misc. Over Quota	1525	—	—
Arizona	100	—	—
Nevada	100	—	—
New Mexico	100	—	—
Wash., Idaho, Ore.	2775	—	—
Yet to be raised	\$35,000	\$11,230.15	32.0
Quota		23,770.85	68.0
		\$35,000	100.00

20th Anniversary Meets To Have C. S. Speakers

SAN FRANCISCO—The former Sacramento Criminal Syndicalism prisoners will be greeted in all parts of the state by a series of 20th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution meetings. The schedule with speakers follows:

Oakland—Nov. 5th: Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Caroline Decker, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin.

San Francisco—Nov. 6: Pat Chambers, Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin.

Sacramento—Nov. 7th: Martin Wilson, Jack Crane, Al Hougardy, Lorine Norman, Nora Conklin.

San Bernardino—Nov. 8th: Pat Chambers and Caroline Decker.

San Berdude Plans Welcome for Chambers
The San Bernardino section of the Communist Party is preparing a "Welcome home reception" for Pat Chambers, who with Caroline Decker, will speak at Lincoln Hall the evening of Nov. 8th at the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Russian Revolution.

Comrades and friends in San Bernardino welcome the opportunity to celebrate three great events on one great occasion.

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Hawaii Receives Its First
CIO Charter—Timber News

WORKERS' CORRESPONDENCE

Victimization of Seamen by S. F. Hotel Is Exposed

CHALLENGE TO HAWAII "BIG 5" HURLED BY CIO

Cannery and Agricultural
Local Is Chartered
In Honolulu

By a Worker Correspondent
The CIO has come to one of
Uncle Sam's farthest outposts
in the Pacific—the Hawaiian
Islands.

With the arrival in Honolulu
three weeks ago of a charter
from the United Cannery, Agri-
cultural, Packing & Allied
Workers of America, the "melt-
ing pot of the Pacific" has at
last gained recognition as an in-
tegral part of America's grow-
ing labor movement.

"Big 5" Rule
Isolated in the Pacific, 2100,
miles from the mainland, Ha-
waii's workers for more than
half a century have been the
subjects of a business oligarchy
that owns almost every square
foot of fertile land in the islands
and has a stranglehold on its
most profitable industries—sugar,
pineapples, shipping and coffee.

Five corporations rule Ha-
waii—the "Big 5" they are called:
Castle & Cooke, T. H. Davies, American
Factors, C. Brewer and Co.,
and Alexander & Baldwin—
and there isn't a bag of sugar
or a can of pineapple leaving
the territory that isn't handled
by these corporate interests.

More than 60,000 workers of
all races are employed in the
sugar, pineapple, shipping, and
coffee industries. Most of them
come from the Orient and the
Philippines. They were imported
by the sugar planters to satisfy
a greed for cheap labor and
enormous profits. They were im-
ported in turn from China, Puer-
to Rico, Portugal, Japan and the
Philippines.

Dollar a Day
A dollar a day and less was
the standard wage when Hawaii
was annexed to the United
States 37 years ago. A dollar a
day is still the average wage on
the 33 plantations controlled by
the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Assn.

The coming of the CIO does
not mean that this is the first
attempt to organize Hawaii's
exploited agricultural workers. In
1924 the Filipino workers or-
ganized and staged an island-
wide strike for the eight-hour
day and a two-dollar a day
wage, under the leadership of
Pablo Manlapit. The sugar plant-
ers immediately launched a cam-
paign of terror that would make
Gulag look like an amateur.
Sixteen Filipinos were shot in
the back and murdered in cold
blood at Hanalei, Kauai, by
the planters' "enlisted deputies".
Hundreds of willing young fas-
cists were recruited at four
bucks a day from Honolulu to
break the strike. Thousands of
other Filipinos were immediately
imported from the Philippines
to create a surplus of planta-
tion labor.

Strike Broken
The strike was broken. Man-
lapit, the leader, was framed and
deported, torn from an American
wife and five small children.
Other militant workers were hus-
tled into the steerage of a Dol-
lar boat and sent back to the
Philippines.

The Filipino workers have not
forgotten the 1924 terror. Today
they are organizing again—but
this time things are different.

Today Have Support
Today they have the support
of the other races. Today they
have the support of Hawaii's
three CIO waterfront unions, the
Honolulu Longshoremen's Asso-
ciation, the Hilo Longshoremen,
and the Kauai Waterfront Work-
ers Association. Today they are
building unions of all the races
—and not just a union for Fili-
pinos.

Hawaiian Local 76 of the
United Cannery, Agricultural,
Packing & Allied Workers of
America will unite all of
Hawaii's workers into one big
union, regardless of race,
creed, color, nationality, or
political affiliation.

Today it will be difficult for
the sugar planters to enlist one
race to scab on another or to
hire one worker to shoot another
worker in the back.

Hearing Continued On Gun-Toting AFL Leader in Oakland

OAKLAND—Preliminary hear-
ings into charges against Lin-
coln E. Peters, Culinary Alliance
business agent, accused of as-
saulting CIO organizers with a
revolver, was continued until
next Wednesday in Municipal
Court No. 2 following the first
session here last Wednesday, Oc-
tober 20.

Tuolumne County's Timber Workers Are Advancing With CIO

By a Lumber Worker
JAMESTOWN, Tuolumne County—The union movement
here in Tuolumne County has taken a new impetus under the
guidance of Walter Rogers, the new organizer for the CIO
International Woodworkers, and has arrived at the point
where charges have been filed with the National Labor
Relations Board against plants
at both Tuolumne and Standard
demanding an election.

These are the West Side and
Pickering Lumber companies, re-
spectively.

Predict CIO Win
The timber workers have ap-
pointed Rogers organizer for
one month; he has succeeded in
bringing the union affairs to a
head. The membership feels
confident that any elections held
in the above plants will give a
rousing majority to the CIO 20th
Century form of unionism.

The West Side Lumber Co.
has exerted every form of
pressure upon the workers of
their plant, but has failed to
shake the determination of the
workers to stick to their pro-
gram and demand that their
union shall be recognized as
sole collective bargaining
agency.

The CIO hall has been watch-
ed by the bosses to find out
which men belong to the CIO.
The men would walk by without
going in, leaving the bosses at
a fruitless vigil.

Men Blacklisted
The predominantly CIO night
shift has been laid off and men
have been blacklisted for union
activity. I was hired by the
Pickering Lumber Co. to go to
work on the night shift. I was
to report at 7 p. m. I was on
the job at 6:40 p. m., but the
boss had hired another man in
my place at 6:30 and had gone
home.

Since then, I have it on good
authority that they have a
blacklist a foot long, listing
CIO men who have been laid
off, with a "Do Not Hire" no-
tice on top of it.

The way I reconstruct it, the
boss hired me and then con-
sulted the list. No doubt he
found my name right on the list
of it. In a small community
such as this, no one who was
a little bit progressive
could escape being termed a red
and a radical.

To illustrate—I met a man I
knew today and this was the
gist of what he said: "What are
you doing? I heard you are or-
ganizing a union!" To my reply
that I only helped, as little as
that was, and to my query as to
what gave him that idea, he
made this astounding reply:

"They always say, 'here comes
that radical and agitator now,
always organizing unions and
everything!'"

Inasmuch as I am blackballed
and cannot get a job in the
county, it makes it hard for me
to get into the union and help
it.

"Stay Home Strike"

The WPA workers in Sonora
have gone on a "stay home
strike," due to the hours per
month being increased from 84
to 108 and the pay being cut at
the same time from 48¢ an hour
to 37¢.

The men were asked to work
the longer hours for the same
monthly pay, but to do identical-
ly the same work. An aged
man has been the most militant
of the group. He is considering
a picket demonstration to try

to attract the public's attention
to this monstrous injustice.

I have advised him to picket
the WPA. In the adjoining coun-
ties a higher wage is paid on
the WPA to do the same work.
Here the men work "hammer
and tongs" all day. The news-
papers are fond of saying that
the WPA workers lean on their
shovels, but it is not so.

They Earn It and More
Whatever these poor aged peo-
ple, past a useful age in indus-
try, get, is paid for many times
over in blood, sweat and labor.
A society which will force old
people to work for their bread
in their declining years should
be heartily ashamed of itself,
and not be making quips about
some poor old under-fed, ill-
nourished, economically clubbed
and beaten individual when he
stops for a moment to rest his
aching bones.

Forced Labor
The man in charge of the
WPA in this county is named
Filibrick, and he told this old
man in my hearing that he could
take the transfer to the lower
pay or leave it. The man said
that he would go on relief in-
stead, and Filibrick told him, "of
course, if we offer you a job and
you refuse it, you won't be giv-
ing any relief."

In other words, work or starve.
I asked Filibrick if this were
a case of work or starve. After
hemming and hawing about
the bush, I finally elicited from
him that things would be better if
it weren't for the unions, and
the CIO especially.

He formerly owned a lot of
property, he was careful to in-
form me in the first two min-
utes of our acquaintance, and
still lives in the reflection of his
former glory and has lost none
of the ideology of the "rugged
individualist."

Union Dance
The timber workers' local at
Tuolumne gave a dance at Col-
umbia on October 16 and had
a very good attendance. The
advertising they got was worth
a thousand dollars to them.

They had a walkout on the
Standard side last week. The
walkout should stimulate mat-
ters.

I have tried to win the busi-
ness men of Sonora and Jamest-
own to a realization that their
interests are much the same as
ours, and have had some suc-
cess.

Auxiliary Joins
District Council
SAN FRANCISCO — For the
first time in the history of the
Maritime Federation District
Council No. 2, a ladies auxiliary,
Local 7 of the Longshoremen,
was seated in the council last
week.

Local 7 voted 5 to 1 for a
CIO charter, and also voted to
take in women relatives of all
Federation members, in a recent
referendum.

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TIMBER UNION MEN FIRED BY RED RIVER CO.

Labor Board to Hear Cases
Of Discrimination in
Lassen County

By a Timber Worker
WESTWOOD, Lassen County—
A boy distributing CIO Labor
Heralds was stopped by another
youngster on the streets of West-
wood last week and asked this
question: "Say, Bill, are those
CIO papers?"

"Yes," said Bill.
"Bely smoke, you'd better
not pass them out, your old
man is going to get fired."

This is only a sample of the
fear that the Red River Lumber
Co. has brought into Westwood
in order to strengthen its pet
company union (known as the
IEU) and to kill the strong CIO
element which already exists
here.

Union Members Fired
International Woodworkers of
America members of Local 53
are being fired and demoted in
large numbers.

The Red River Lumber Co.
has stopped telling the workers
that their reason for firing and
demotion was because of non-
membership in the company
union. The company now gives as
an excuse to fire IWA members,
that the orders are slack.

Yes, it might be true that
there is a lack of orders, but
never in the history of West-
wood has there been a man
fired, they have always been
laid off. Not so now.

Anti-Union Discrimination
IWA members who have been
working here for eight to 13
years are being fired, and com-
pany union members who have
only been employed for three
or four months are taking their
places.

But up here among the sugar
pines, we of the Lumber & Saw-
mill local are not going to let
the Red River boys tell us to
quit a good union and join a
company union in order to
get our jobs back. Charges have
been filed with the National
Labor Relations Board against
the company's unfair labor prac-
tices.

The labor board has already
notified our union of an im-
mediate hearing of this case. We
will get these hearings around
the latter part of November or
sooner. All of this discrimina-
tion by the company and its
union in collusion, has only in-
tensified our organizational drive
and has caused more sympathy
for the CIO.

The Lumber & Sawmill Work-
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out in Westwood by its com-
plete annihilation. And that is
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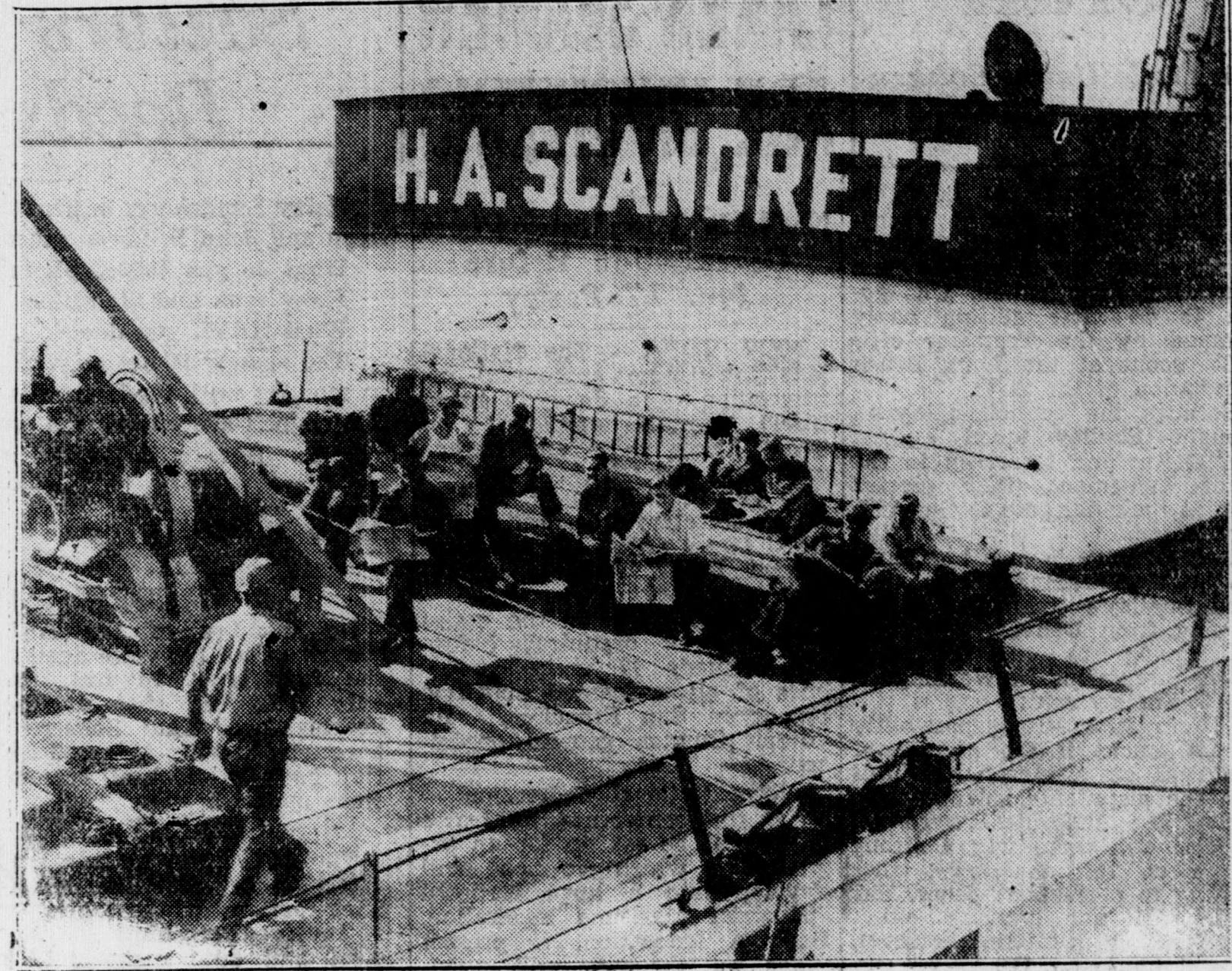
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First CIO Strike on Great Lakes



THESE SEAMEN are some of the CIO Lake Seamen whose strike tied up the Great Lakes
Transit Corp's freighter, H. A. Scandrett, and several other vessels.

WORKERS SHUNNED S.F. COLUMBUS DAY PARADE THIS YEAR

March Lasted 50 Minutes Less
Than Last Year

By an Alaska Canner
SAN FRANCISCO — I have
viewed the Columbus Day Parades
for the last three years.
Prior to that I viewed it a
number of times, but not con-
secutively. I have noticed that
the enthusiasm for participation
in this parade is falling very
noticeably.

For example, last year the
parade started promptly at 10
a.m., and finished at 12:10 p.m.
This year it started at 10:15
a.m. and ended at 11:37 a.m.—
about 50 minutes shorter this
year than last.

No Enthusiasm
This lack of enthusiasm in
the Columbus Day Parade, ac-
cording to some workers who
formerly participated in it, is that
workers are realizing more and
more that this parade here is
nothing but a bourgeois flag-
waving parade that nets them
nothing.

The only "important" groups
participating this time were the
fascist Sons of Italy, various
parts of the American Legion,
Independent Order of Foresters,
National Guards, Boy Scouts,
and the Fascist Order of Cin-
cinatus.

Marched Labor Day
Many of these workers that
have refrained from marching
in this bourgeois flag-waving
Columbus Day Parade eagerly
and gladly marched in the last
Labor Day Parade which lasted
about five hours.

Two of the floats and an
old truck carrying national
guards had to be abandoned at
Columbus Ave. at Kearney be-
cause they refused to have any-
thing more to do with the pa-
rade. One float began to smoke
and buck so much it had to be
taken out. The other float was
an old Model T Ford, represent-
ing an old order of maybe ex-
tinct "49ers." That had to quit
the parade.

We need not be surprised if
the next Labor Day Parade lasts
a whole day—the next Columbus
Day flag-waving semi-fascist
parade only one hour.

Prune Pickers' Kids Can't Go to School

By a Worker Correspondent
COLUSA—Here is a good one
I heard the other day while
visiting friends who are picking
prunes in Colusa:

Boss: "Where are all my prune
pickers?"
Fathers of large families with
children of school age picking
prunes: "They saw a big shiny
car on the lane and thought it
was the trustee officer, so they
did a quick vanishing act."

Boss: "I have heard of the
Vanishing Americans but this
is the first time I have heard
of vanishing prune pickers at
one time."

Hearing Exposes Fascists
PITTSBURGH—Anti-vigilante
hearings concluded in Pittsburgh
under the sponsorship of the
American League Against War
& Fascism put the spotlight on
the workings of the Fascist Assn.
of Leagues of Cleveland, re-
vealing that the organization was
founded for the express purpose
of "fighting labor."

Alliance Leader To Talk on Spain

SAN DIEGO—"Workers Al-
lied Against Fascism" will be
the novel theme of a talk by
Hilliard Bernstein, national
executive board member of
the Workers Alliance, when
he speaks at Lincoln School
here November 4.

He will report on the for-
mation of a Workers Alliance
battalion of the International
Brigade in Spain.
Bernstein volunteered for
service in the trenches of
Spain at the outbreak of the
rebellion and will relate his
experiences in the anti-fascist
ranks.

Men Cheated on San Diego WPA

By a WPA Worker
SAN DIEGO—Dr. Wegforth,
sponsor of the local Zoo project
and namesake of the Wegforth
Bowl, took a trip to India where
he will stay for a year, but
before going he hatched out a
clever scheme with Zoo project
officials to take away the struc-
tural steel rating won by WPA
workers there by their strike of
September 3.

They found that their hourly
rate for this work had been
cut from \$1.18 to \$1.01. Eleven
workers immediately started a
two-hour protest by leaving their
job and going to WPA offices
with their Alliance job steward.
They were told their work was
"ornamental steel work" at a
lower rating.

Put Officials On Spot
The workers wanted to know
why work should be officially
called structural on Friday and
ornamental on Monday, and
frankly told the officials this
was only to cheat them.

The Alliance obtained another
appointment, and the men went
back to their jobs, where they
demanded the right to make up
time lost in protesting. This was
quickly granted them.

Seniority Ignored
A day or so later 40 men were
transferred because of lack of
funds, and the supervisors ig-
nored all seniority rights; men
16 months on the project were
transferred while friends of
the supervisors or foremen were
kept, even though many had not
worked a week on the job.

WPA officials have promised
to investigate and correct this
favoritism. The Workers Alliance
state office is handling this mass
grievance, and favorable action
is expected.

The CIO Way

By a Worker Correspondent
Working man, wake from your dreaming,
You don't know the power that you own.
With wealth all around you, you're starving,
There's misery and want in your home.
Why should the rich man's children
Have all the good things today?
You labor and do the producing,
To them, life is nothing but play.
Why should your wife be a drudge?
Denied the good things of life?
Why should you fear the future?
And bear all the burdens and strife?
Awake, arise from your dreaming,
Join with your comrades today;
The time is at hand fellow workman,
The CIO shows you the way.

—B. M.

Westwood Union Men Fired
By Red River Lumber Co.

SAILOR URGES BOYCOTTING OF SUNSET HOTEL

Clothes Seized by Mgr. in
Violation of U. S.
Statutes

SAN FRANCISCO—One often
hears at the business meetings
of the Sailors Union communi-
cations from landlords and other
creditors, complaining that some
sailors have not paid their debts
yet, contracted during the last
strike.

To a certain extent they are
justified in demanding that mem-
bers of the Sailors Union dis-
charge their obligations. How-
ever, here is a story that points
the other way around which
will set a precedent as to how
greedy landlords victimize poor
sailors under the false pretext
that they owe money, using the
rapacious tactic of holding per-
sonal belongings until the said
victim pays up a fictitious debt.

Raps Hotel Manager
As an outstanding example,
we find the manager of the
Sunset Hotel, Market St., fits
into this classification. As a
matter of fact, this "union lov-
ing" individual would have to
peddle shoe strings if it were not
for trusting seamen who patron-
ize him instead of shunning his
hostelry like a plague.

A few days ago, I had a sad
experience with this culture, af-
ter staying over a month in
this dump, where this brave
individual threatened to do me
physical harm, work me over
with his feet, French-Canadian
style, shout bloody murder for
cops and refused to hand out
my suit case. About two weeks
before this incident occurred, I
had the misfortune to get hurt
on the ship. After the examina-
tion in the Emergency Hospital,
the doctor recommended me to
go to St. Luke's Hospital.

Landlord Claimed Rent
I notified the landlord and the
clerk at the hotel to take care of
my clothes, and to remove them
from the room until my return
from the hospital, but at no
time promised to pay rent for
the room while absent.

Seven days later, I was dis-
charged from the hospital to
get further treatment at the doc-
tor's office. At my arrival at
the Sunset Hotel, this philan-
thropic parasite who lives on
the backs of the seamen, claimed
payment of rent for the room
while not being used, just be-
cause I didn't ring him up by
telephone from the hospital. I
was forced to pay him in full
for that time, even though he
was not legitimately entitled to
the money.

I wanted to check out, but
seeing that I was broke, I was
compelled to stay another nine
days in this lousy joint. After
getting hold of some money, I
paid him a full week's room
rent.

Landlord Abusive
This is how the argument
started. He claimed that I still
owed him a dollar for two days'
rent, and naturally I refused to
cough up because I had already
paid him for seven days that I
didn't even owe him.

The consequence was that he
became abusive and rough,
knowing that under the law he
could not keep my clothes, as
we are Federal wards. I went
to the Sailors and Firmens Un-
ion and appealed for support. I
managed to get a fireman and
a sailor to help me to collect
my clothes, but nothing was
accomplished.

Urges Boycott
The reason that I finally paid
him the dollar was because I
couldn't get hold of the marshal
on Saturday afternoon, so I got
my clothes.

This should serve as a warn-
ing to all seamen to avoid the
Sunset Hotel if they do not
want to get in with a landlord
that will try to trim them. The
Sunset Hotel should be boycotted.

L. A. Office Union Growing Rapidly

By a Worker Correspondent
LOS ANGELES — Office &
Professional Workers of Amer-
ica, Local 9, since repudiating
the AFL last May and affiliat-
ing with the CIO, has been en-
gaged in an intensive organi-
zational campaign, and is grow-
ing rapidly.

The organizational campaign is
to be climaxed in the near fu-
ture with several attractive so-
cial affairs, the first of which
is a Hard Times Halloween
Party, on November 24. There
is to be a Thanksgiving Jambo-
re, preparations for which are going
forward apace. The jambo-
re is to be held at 4067 West Pico
St. on Thanksgiving Eve.

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

Los Angeles ARTA predicts victory in Postal Telegraph election--Nat'l Maritime Union drives to organize 30,000 Great Lakes Seamen--Records of AFL and CIO give sailors basis to judge--Scalers Union gets ILWU charter--Conclusion of Lewis' speech to CIO conference--Other labor news on regular news pages.

PREDICT CIO WILL WIN IN L. A. POSTAL

Radio Telegraphists Assn.
Official Cites Low
Average Wage

(ARTA Local 32A Press Release)
LOS ANGELES—More than 530 Postal Telegraph workers in Los Angeles, Southern California and Arizona are prepared to support the action taken by the CIO through the American Radio Telegraphists Assn. in filling with the National Labor Relations Board a petition for a national election to determine bargaining rights of the employees under the Wagner Act.

The petition was filed directly with the NLRB in Washington, D.C., by Lee Pressman, chief CIO counsel.

Predict Victory
ARTA members here expressed certainty that the election will be won by a smashing majority in this district, and were sure the national vote could be at least 5 to 1 for the CIO.

L. F. Dalby, local secretary, said Postal workers throughout the country are underpaid, overworked and realize their salvation lies only in the CIO.

Wages Are Low
"The average salary of a Los Angeles Postal employee is approximately \$16.50 per week," he said. "We work an average of 48 hours per week."

"These hours and wages are far from those the nation as a whole believes workers should be paid."

"All we ask at this time is that the company recognize our union as the sole collective bargaining agency for the entire United States. We are certain that once this recognition is won, negotiations leading to a contract favorable to our demands will be instituted."

William Spooner Takes Beating in Own Union

OAKLAND—William Spooner, reactionary AFL Central Labor Council official, took a beating in his own union, Cooks & Waiters No. 31, recently when a progressive, John Lee, was elected to the new organizer's job. Lee received 193 votes to 169 for Jack Campbell, Spooner's candidate.

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column
By JOHN BROMAN

WHEN a man is hit, he fights back. That's what everybody thought John F. Shelley, president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, was going to do after getting badly dumped by the Teamster officials' goons at the Long Beach convention of the AFL.

Because the council delegates thought Shelley stood against vigilanteism and terrorism in the labor movement, they elected him as their delegate to the AFL convention.

It must have been a big shock to those delegates when they read Shelley's comments on returning from Denver.

Referring to the AFL-CIO peace discussions in Washington, D. C., Shelley said: "There is a strong possibility of settlement if the discussions are held on a reasonable basis and the disputants listen to reason. The delegates were all hopeful and there was a strong sentiment for an early truce leading to permanent peace. The AFL will not sacrifice either principle or position, however."

(any emphasis, J. B.)

William Green, Matthew Wold, John P. Frey and William Hutcherson (to say nothing of Dave "Goon Squad" Beck) have said substantially the same thing, seeking to knife real unity under cover.

Real labor unity can not be achieved except on the basis of industrial unionism for mass production industry, and the CIO does not intend to sell out the workers by agreeing to "unity" without that basis.

Licks Green's Boots

BUT THAT isn't all Shelley said. He has suddenly discovered that Green, who, he thought in the past was a "quiet, almost colorless personality," is "a different man now, forceful, filled with boundless energy, seemingly changed almost overnight into a fighter and a leader."

Shelley voted to empower the AFL executive council to expel the CIO unions and voted with the reactionaries in denying a convention seat to Charles P. Howard, Typographical Union president.

In other words, instead of fighting back against the unprincipled men who hired "goons" to beat up himself and others, Shelley surrenders. He expresses

30,000 GREAT LAKES SEAMEN ARE UNIONIZING

Nat'l Maritime Union Plans
Organization Before
Jan. 17 Parley

NEW YORK—The National Maritime Union announced inauguration of a drive to bring 30,000 seamen employed on Great Lakes ships and harbor craft into the CIO.

In charge will be M. Hedley Stone, secretary-treasurer of the NMU Great Lakes Division, and Adrian Duda, regional organizational director.

"We hope to have the entire lakes district organized before the January 17 unity conference of all unlicensed maritime unions in San Francisco," said Joseph Curran, general organizer.

Plan National Federation
"At that conference, the frame work will be set up for an organization which we hope will develop into a huge National Industrial Maritime Federation. Such a federation, if present plans go through, will eventually include some three-quarters of a million persons engaged, directly or indirectly, in the marine transportation in the U. S."

"Plans for the federation were outlined at the national conference of the Committee for Industrial Organization in Atlantic City."

"Formation of a federation will solve one of the most pressing problems now confronting marine and harbor workers—the problem of unity. Unity of purpose, unity of program, unity of action."

The NMU has a temporary agreement with the Packer Fleet on the Great Lakes.

ASK CIO CHARTERS

DECATUR, Ala.—Applications for CIO charters have been made by the Boxmakers & Woodworkers of Alabama, and by the Lumber Workers of Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

es admiration for Green, who called for unprincipled war against the CIO, who called for a fight against the best piece of labor legislation ever seen in this country—the Wagner Labor Act.

The willow bows before the storm.

Green 'Promises' Sailors But CIO Deeds Show Path

Harry Lundeberg, in his famous "best offer" letters to William Green and John L. Lewis asked, in effect: What do you PROMISE to do?

Many rank and file sailors would like to know, in addition: What HAVE you done?

The answer is not only of interest to sailors but to other union men, as well, for it reveals what the attitudes of the CIO and AFL council are toward the workers' struggle and their efforts to organize. Here is the record on some important matters:

AFL Record

COPELAND FINK BOOK

No member of the AFL council raised his voice against the fink book. In fact, the only AFL big shot at the hearings was Paul Scharenberg who heartily endorsed the fink book to which all seamen were opposed.

GREAT LAKES ORGANIZATION

The AFL never made a real effort to organize the industrial carriers on the lakes for it involved cracking the big steel and auto companies, a task which the AFL council always sabotaged.

EAST COAST STRIKE

The AFL convention last year declared the strike illegal and its stooges in the maritime industry, Ryan, Hunter and Joseph P. Ryan, were the ship-owners' chief weapon against the strike in their effort to wreck the growing solidarity of East and West Coast seamen.

SEAMEN'S RIGHTS

The CIO conference adopted a resolution in Atlantic City condemning efforts of the Maritime Commission to break strikes through "mutiny" charges. It also protested ruling of the Parole Board restraining Robert Fitzgerald from assuming duties of secretary of the San Francisco branch of the Marine Firemen's Union.

Fight Open-Shop On Pennsy R. R.

WASHINGTON—Long an open shop stronghold, the Pennsylvania Railroad shops are now the object of an organizational drive by the AFL Railway Employees' Department. Crafts involved are

machinists, boilermakers, blacksmiths, sheet metal workers, electrical workers, carmen, stationary firemen and oilers, coach cleaners, power house employees, shop laborers.

S. F. SCALERS RECEIVE NEW CIO CHARTER

SUP Officials Muscling in On Scalers' Work in Matson Line

SAN FRANCISCO—The new CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union charter was installed at a recent membership meeting of the Ship Scalers' & Painters' Union, formerly ILA 38-100 and now known as ILWU 1-2.

Through cooperation of the rank and file and officials of the Marine Firemen, the Scalers are now doing work below decks on Matson Line ships. Firemen refused to do this work while in port.

SUP Heads Uncooperative
Sailors' Union officials recently renewed the SUP agreement with Matson giving the deck gang jurisdiction over chipping, painting and other work on deck, which also is recognized by most companies and seamen as Scalers' work, particularly in this port.

Not content with the Matson work the SUP officials recently allowed a gang of sailors to paint over the side of the American Fisher, despite the fact this work is specifically allotted to the Scalers agreements with fish reduction ship operators.

While fish reduction ships are in port it has been the practice to knock off the sailors for a period of ten days or longer. When contacted, the SUP officials refused to cooperate and kept the paint gang working although ship operators declared they were willing to hire Scalers.

Memorial Endorsed By Maritime Body

SAN FRANCISCO—District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has endorsed the Haymarket Memorial exercises being sponsored by the Intl. Labor Defense, to take place at the Haymarket Monument, Chicago, on November 11.

The tribute will honor five workers who gave their lives in the fight for the eight-hour day.

Business Agent Bob Says

AN IRISH brother who belongs to the Workers' Alliance was given notice of eviction by his landlord, and thinking something was phony, went to the W. A. office where he found out that under the law of the State of California, he was entitled to some 30 days grace. So Pat went home and wrote to the landlord as follows: "Dear Sir: I remain, Yours truly."

No. Beach Is Against Picket Ban

Italian-American, Slavic-American Rap Proposed Open-Shop Law

SAN FRANCISCO—Italian-American citizens will defend the constitutional rights of their country as energetically as its native-born sons and daughters," declared Dr. Robert Grosso, leader in the North Beach section, on the proposed anti-picketers ordinance on the November 2 municipal ballot.

"We are emphatically against this repressive ordinance."

Unheard of Law
John J. Batistich, attorney and Slavic-American leader, declared:

Freedom seeking foreign-American citizens will not vote for an ordinance which takes away from them all the protection their adopted country gives them. Such an ordinance is an unheard of law in an American city.

With CIO and AFL committees cooperating in the fight against the anti-picketing ordinance introduced into the election by the open-shop "Committee of 43," the campaign for labor's constitutional rights is gaining broader support as November 2 nears.

Tories Pay for Tear Gas

PHILADELPHIA—Pierre S. duPont and other prominent Philadelphia eastern industrialists are supplying money for the purchase and use of tear gas against CIO organizers and union members. The Philadelphia Record revealed in a copyrighted story after investigation of an organization known as the "Minute Men & Women of Today."

This was announced in New York last Thursday by John L. Lewis, national CIO chairman, and Thomas Ray, New York Maritime Council secretary.

RED-BAITERS STILL ACTIVE IN PAINTERS'

Two More Union Members
Combat Charges in
Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—Trial of Don Healy, business agent for Painters' District Council No. 36, on charges of Communist Party membership was postponed on Friday, October 16, when similar charges were leveled against two members of the trial board, Sam Abrams and Frank Kadish.

Along with five other Painters' Union members, Abrams and Kadish have been charged with membership in the C. P. as a result of their progressive record.

Tool for Reactionaries
Nathan Roe, renegade from the C. P., has acted as the tool of a strong line-up of reactionary officials in the present drive to oust all progressive leaders from the union. Roe made the charges against all seven men.

In addition to Healy, Hugh Campbell, council secretary; James Meeks, council chairman; Sam Adele, business agent; and Samuel Schultz, Local 831 member, were recently the objects of identical charges.

Set Trial Oct. 30

As a result of the disqualification of Kadish and Abrams, council delegates elected two new members to the trial board. Under present plans, Healy, Campbell, Meeks, Adele, and Schultz will all stand trial together on Saturday October 30.

S. F. Meet to Map Maritime Unity

The national convention of maritime unions scheduled for next January 17 in San Francisco, will plan to unite three-quarters of a million dock and ship workers of East, West and Gulf Coasts into a National Industrial Maritime Federation, affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

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The March Forward of the CIO—As Told by John L. Lewis

(Following is the second and concluding installment of John L. Lewis' closing speech at the recent Committee for Industrial Organization conference held in Atlantic City.)

So CIO is here. Its conference has adopted a resolution expressing that factor. It is physically here. It is not something that can be wiped away from the attention of an individual by a scornful remark or a hostile gesture.

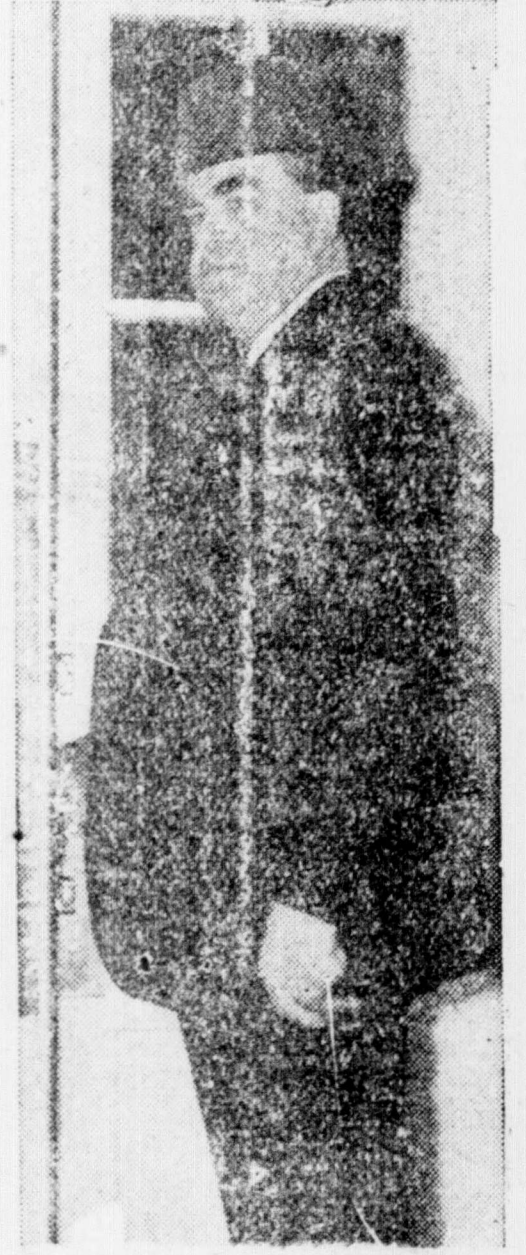
It is here because it offers the workers of the country practical modern machinery to bring about the things that they strive for, the things that every man and woman who works desires.

Too much credit cannot be given our officers, our organizers, our field agents, our headquarters staff, and our members for their courage and their contributions in whatever amounts to a great crusade here in our own country—a great crusade to lift the machinery of labor out of the ruts of its traditions and out of the inadequacy of its structural formation in the past.

No Lessening of Effort

You may be assured that in the conference that may or may not eventuate with the AFL, your representatives will do nothing that will in any way circumscribe or limit the influence or the trend of our movement or in any way contribute towards a lessening of the effort of our mutual enterprise, or to cause any member back in his home locality to think for a moment that there is going to be any lessening of this work of organization here in America. This movement must go on. We are practically 4,000,000 strong today in less than two years of actual organizing effort. When two years more elapse we will have more millions of members in our great movement.

If the AFL chooses to lay aside their prejudices and join the CIO in working out a program of unity, 'tis well. If they elect not to do so, the responsibility for that decision will be upon their own head, and their own shoulders. But the CIO will go on and it will go on working out its own tiny and its destiny is to be true some of the dreams



JOHN L. LEWIS

of its millions of members.

Heretofore during the past year or so, every time that the newspapers of the country carried a headline about somebody proposing peace with the AFL, or some one in the AFL proposing peace to the CIO the organizing work slowed down in a perceptible way.

Lost Confidence in AFL
Why? Because unorganized workers in America's modern industries had lost confidence in the AFL, because for a life time millions of them have been looking to the AFL for some help and succor, and because for that lifetime the AFL did not give them that help in any way in which they could avail themselves, and because they did not believe that the Federation could do that job.

Let that not be the thought now. Because the representatives of the CIO if these conferences eventuate, and if the August American Federation of Labor executive council sitting this afternoon in Denver, Colorado, should finally decide they will unbend sufficiently to meet us,

we will not agree to any program which will limit or prohibit or prevent this great work of enrolling American workers in a modern labor movement from going on.

For Political Freedom

We are not only fighting for economic emancipation of the millions of Americans who work for a living but we are fighting also for their political emancipation and political freedom of action, the right to live in communities free from corporations' domination to a point that limits and circumscribes their political rights and political actions.

The work performed by the CIO in that respect was made apparent in the campaign of 1936 when President Roosevelt was overwhelmingly elected. He received the strongest support from the industrial regions heretofore known. In Pennsylvania, in West Virginia, Ohio, in New Jersey, in New York and elsewhere, industrial community after industrial community, for the first time in their history the workers dared to vote and publicly support a liberal candidate for high office in American politics. That record is unique in itself.

Political action on the part of American workers will be a natural by-product of economic freedom obtained through the right to organize and through economic bargaining.

I have confidence that the workers of this country, given the right to do so, will in the future work out their own method of political participation with an intelligence that reflects their understanding of their own problems and their desire to make a contribution to the perpetuity of our form of government and the preservation of American institutions. The fact that labor wants an increased participation in the natural bounties of our nation and in the increased efficiency in its great industrial enterprises, does not mean that labor is opposed to the government or desires any change in our form of government, and labor desires to uphold and maintain those institutions in America that contribute toward the economic and political emancipation of its citizens with the right of equal participation by all.

Explain Objectives
So do not let yourselves be diverted for one moment by this gunfire of criticism from hostile sources that seek to di-

vert the principles, ideals and objectives of your movement. You know what those objectives are, you know what those policies are, because they are policies in which you participate. Explain them to the workers, to the point of their understanding and when you have opportunity to explain them, you may rest secure in the fact that those workers will avail themselves of that great privilege, of improving their condition and exercising their natural prerogatives as workers and as citizens of our country. It is well that labor in America is organizing because there are disquieting signs to be read by all who will read as betokening trouble for the future.

Not Out of the Woods
The United States of America, economically speaking, is not out of the woods. There are certain fundamental economic questions in this country which need attention from the American people and from the American Congress. In five years of experimentation and publicized made toward composing what is one of America's greatest economic questions, namely, the question of unemployment. Technological displacement of labor in America is proceeding apace. The very increased prosperity, increased sales, increased profits which corporate industry has been enjoying during this past year or more carry with them seeds of a greatly increased unemployment condition, because as these corporations increased their credit ratings they were able to place into execution plans for modernizing plant equipment and facilities to a degree never before brought about.

And the modernization of these facilities, the adoption of new formulae, the utilization of new energy displacing human hands is proceeding to a degree that the nation will not realize the full impact of that change until some time next year, and as a result we already have, as a slowing down of industry, we already have a slowing down of consumers' goods industry now. We already have a slowing down of some of our capital goods industry and in most industries that have increased their dividends, those who have reduced their bonded indebtedness, and those who have paid off their preferred dividends on their preferred stocks have taken their money from the accel-

erated operation of their industries, and divided it among the stockholders and creditors.

Now there is not a dollar available for those men in those plants and those mills who have been turned out by their employers and who must live or die as they will or secure help from the corporate industry or from the government, because he it known that the government relief situation is now at a point where it is impossible for a man who has been thrown on the idleness rolls to get public assistance or public relief. One of the great principles for which labor in America must stand in the future is the right of every man and woman to have a job, to earn their living if they are willing to work.

A citizen of the United States of America has a right to live. He has a right to work.

Right to a Job
We have heard much about the right to work in this day of our people. They have a right to a job. If the corporations which control American industry fail to provide them with that job in their management of industry's affairs, then there must be some power, somewhere in this land of ours that will go over and above and beyond those corporations with all their influence and power and provide a job and insure the right to live for that American.

The longer the Congress of the United States and the administration in power dodges that fundamental proposition, just so long will America be in economic turmoil. And it is up to the organizations of labor in our country in this day of our people's existence to demand action on that thing, to demand security for our membership. Hundreds of thousands of men have joined the organizations affiliated with the CIO in recent months and now they are being turned out of the plants and mills and they are being told that industry has nothing for them, and they are being told that the government has nothing for them, that there is no relief because some people are objecting to the payment of the necessary taxes to provide relief.

Hope in Organization
They only have one hope for the future, and that hope rests with their union and their organization. If their union can-

not help and protect them, their experience has been that no one else will and it becomes the responsibility of the union, and it becomes the responsibility of the officers of the union, and it becomes the responsibility of the American labor movement to see that it becomes the responsibility of the American people and the American Congress.

I sometimes get a little wearied of these wails and these lamentations from some people who have much who object to paying some taxes for protection of all that they have. The taxation on property and incomes here in our country is as strong as compared with what some of the older countries in Europe levy upon their nationals. In England, which is regarded as one of the best governed countries in the universe, the average citizen who makes over \$1200 per year has to pay 25 per cent of his income in this form of taxes for the necessary protection of English citizens and English workers.

Tax the Rich
I presume that seems terrible to our corporations, to our banks, and to our industries, and to our great capitals of finance and industry. Yet let me say that the desire to live and the desire to eat and the desire to be secure in our old age is just as strong in the hearts and in the minds of the men and women who work for their living as it can be in the hearts of any banker or any industrialist or coupon clipper in America, and American labor is determined to see that this economic situation here in our country will be remedied.

There is work for our movement, and because there is work for our movement, there is support for our movement. There is the support of countless numbers of Americans who for decades of time have been denied their rights, their privileges and participations, who have seen their children die from malnutrition and from diseases which followed, who have been unable to live decently, who have been unable to give proper medical attention, who have been unable to give proper education to their children, because those who have been the masters of this country in the realm of industry and finance and corporate powers have not given them sufficient consideration. You know that the Department of Public Health has made public figures which reveal

that the death rate of American workers progressively goes down or up according to the debased or improved wage standards of the workers.

Sharecroppers
Do you know that because a man is underpaid, his child has more chance of dying than a man who gets a reasonable wage? Do you know that the sharecroppers of the South who live on their \$170 or \$180 a year are neither economic, social nor political assets to this nation because they get \$170 or \$180 a year. A sharecropper can contribute nothing to the prosperity of the city of Detroit, or the State of Michigan which has an automobile industry, because he cannot buy an automobile. A sharecropper contributes nothing to the prosperity of the furniture industry in Grand Rapids because he cannot buy furniture. A sharecropper contributes nothing to the prosperity of the people of New Jersey because he cannot buy a radio. They cannot even contribute to the prosperity of the Deep South, because they cannot buy enough cotton garments to protect their nakedness.

Up to Labor
Economically, socially and politically they are nothing and yet they are human beings and they are citizens. It is for the labor movement to demand a participation by these people in the bounties and the blessings, material and otherwise in our country which are ample for the provision and participation of all.

No one else will do it, because just as long as American insurance companies are free to do so, they will continue on those great Southern tracts of land, exploiting in the same heartless fashion, those unfortunate human beings who are quartered there on—just that long will we have a segment of the population who can make no contribution to America's greatness or America's destiny.

The same is true in those other industries as you measure the mathematics of the situation against the industry; it is for labor here in our country to take up the task of representing these Americans because these Americans for long, like Rachel in the wilderness, have been lamenting and wailing and no attention has been paid by those who in the smug security

of their own good fortune are saying "the poor were always with us—they will always be."

Flays Congress
The President said in his Madison Square Garden address, or some other speech he made last year, that not third of all Americans were ill-housed, ill-nourished and underfed. Let us do something about that. What has been done about it so far? Nothing. The last Congress adjourned without even enacting that poor, halting Wages and Hours Bill that finally emerged from the committee.

Depend on CIO
Americans cannot eat or live on platitudes or musical phrases—they want buying power—they want shorter hours. Give them buying power and shorter hours and they will improve their economic and their social status. They will learn to improve their leisure, avail themselves of it. They will know what to do with it. It does not need any special training for an American citizen who only gets \$500 a year to know what to do with another \$100 if he gets it.

These people have no one to depend upon, except upon a militant, well-organized, well-functioning and modern American labor movement and in that fact lies the strength of the CIO, but some people profess to believe that the great phenomena which they were witnessing is nothing more or less than the easily-understood adherence of millions of people to a philosophy which ran right down to the question of their daily bread and butter.

Let This Fight Go On
For my own part I am happy to have contributed my small strength associating with so many millions of others, to the changing of this situation and to the bringing of a better day in America.

Let this fight go on, let there be no sacrifice, let there be no suspension of effort. The CIO is organized on a basis where there will be no termination of its efforts. There will be even an increase in the size of its instrumentality and the employment of its field forces. Let nothing discourage you in carrying on, and carry the message to our people, and I am waiting to hear it, and I am satisfied that when the message is delivered, they will recompense you by associating themselves with this great forward movement.